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REPORTER

A local partner for a California-based investor for a \$40-million, 20-megawatt solar photovoltaic power plants on Saipan signed a "profit sharing" deal with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the Department of Public Lands as early as Oct. 11, 2011, but the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has yet to sign a contract and a 25-year power purchase agreement with the company a year later.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. acting executive director Alan W. Fletcher claims he was surprised and perplexed by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's remarks accusing him of lying to the Special Committee on Impeachment when he testified last week on the \$190.8-million power purchase agreement with Saipan Development LLC.

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### 'WE WILL NEVER FORGET'

Members of the U.S. Army prepare to wrap an American flag on the casket of former U.S. Army Specialist Robert Jason Santos Deleon Guerrero, and carry it onto a waiting hearse in front of Mount Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa for transport to the CNMI Veterans Cemetery in Marpi yesterday. Deleon Guerrero, a recipient of an Afghanistan campaign medal with two campaign stars, passed away on Sept. 23 but seven others would have a second chance to live after he donated seven of his organs. His family said it was his last act of kindness, selflessness, and service above self that they hope the community will also remember him with.

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## CHC to lose respiratory therapist

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The Commonwealth Health Center will soon lose one of its respiratory therapist, leaving the hospital with only two such specialists—a far cry from the four to five full-time therapists that are needed for the smooth operation of the respiratory therapy department.

It was learned that the recently resigned respiration

therapist accepted a position in Guam. This leaves only Doug Remington and John Slusser at the unit to maintain 24-hour coverage.

It was learned that the recent decision to eliminate the housing allowance for off-island staff added to the concerns of respiratory

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# Local

# Father: I will miss everything about him

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"I will miss everything about him," former representative Florencio "Bobby Pan" T. Deleon Guerrero said moments after he helped carry the casket of his son, former U.S. Army Specialist Robert Jason Santos Deleon Guerrero, into a waiting hearse in front of Mount Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa yesterday.

The late Army specialist's casket, draped in American flag, was on its way to the CNMI Veterans Cemetery in Marpi for burial. His father told *Saipan Tribune* he still couldn't fully grasp the recent series of events.

Many in the community will remember Robert Deleon Guerrero as the one "who passed away but gave seven others another chance to live" for donating seven of his organs including his heart, liver and pancreas while he was still at a hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, one of those who were at the funeral Mass yester-

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Family members wheel the casket of former U.S. Army Specialist Robert Jason Santos Deleon Guerrero into a waiting hearse in front of Mount Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa after the funeral Mass yesterday.

day, said "19 is too many," referring to the number of service members from the CNMI who have lost their lives since 2004, including those who were killed while serving in Afghani-

stan and Iraq.

"That's a lot of freedom fighters for a small place," Fitial said in a brief interview with reporters after the Mass.

Robert Deleon Guerrero passed

away on Sept. 23 after being on life support for days, from aneurism. He was 36.

He received an Afghanistan campaign medal with two campaign stars.

He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in May this year.

Mount Carmel Cathedral was filled with family members, relatives, and community members for his funeral Mass. They then proceeded to the Veterans Cemetery for his interment.

Robert Deleon Guerrero's relatives, including his uncle, Board of Education member Herman "Pan" Guerrero, said "seven people will have a second chance in life because of him."

The governor said he prays that the family of the late Army specialist "will remain strong" at this "very difficult time."

The governor said he allowed the Veterans Cemetery to be open yesterday, a legal holiday, for the burial.

Today, the CNMI will bury another soldier—U.S. Army Specialist Joselyn Tara Mafnas Sablan, 23, also at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi.

Sablan, who served in Iraq in 2010 according to her family, passed away in her barracks room in Fort Hood, Texas on Sept. 20. Circumstances surrounding this incident are still under investigation. She was 23.

Sablan's awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Army Service Ribbon.

## Nickelodeon characters visit Dora, other patients at CHC

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Nickelodeon characters came to life at the Commonwealth Health Center yesterday, with Dora the Explorer and Kai-lan visiting patients at the CNMI's lone public hospital.

The popular 8-year-old Latina adventurer and 6-year-old American-Chinese preschooler provided a brief ray of sunshine at the pediatric ward, where they had a ready wave, a handshake or high-five for everyone.

The two Nickelodeon characters are on island for the Kids 4 Kids Carnival, a family-friendly event hosted by MCV Cable Cares Foundation held last night and tonight from 6pm to 8pm at the Saipan World Resort in Susupe.

Tickets to the event cost \$6 each and are still available for sale at MCV, Docomo, and World Resort.

Besides Dora the Explorer and Kai-lan of the *Ni hao, Kai-lan* television show, other characters that would make an appearance at the two-night show are Uniqua and Pablo of *The Backyardigans*.

Thomas Takeo Higa, MCV vice president for sales & marketing, said in an interview yesterday that for about three years now, Cable Cares Foundation gets Nickelodeon characters involved in hospital visits when they come out and do shows both on Saipan and Guam.

Logistics issues, however, made it

difficult to bring all four characters to the hospital "so we decided to bring the two most popular characters," Higa explained.

"It definitely brightens their day," he told *Saipan Tribune*, referring to the characters' hospital visit to the young patients at CHC. "They're probably hearing about the show or see about the show on TV or the newspaper and of course they don't get to go. So we bring the show to them and we bring little gifts."

The hospital visit started off at the intensive care unit, where Dora the Explorer and Kai-lan made a special effort to meet with Dora Grace Ada Camacho, the 8-year-old girl paralyzed from the neck down and whose story has been an inspiration to many community members who have come together to help her receive treatment.

The two cartoon characters presented Dora Grace with Dora socks, a Spongebob pillow, hair accessories,

dominoes, and coloring books.

Their efforts were not wasted, according to Dora Grace's mother, Jennifer C. Ada, as her daughter was smiling the entire time her namesake was in the ICU room with her. Joining Dora Grace during the visit were her 29-year-old mother, a few nurses, and her psychologist.

"She's been watching Dora the Explorer, Ni hao Kai-lan, and Spongebob since she was 4, so she was very



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Dora the Explorer and Kai-lan have their picture taken with some of the staff of the Commonwealth Health Center.

happy to see two of them in person. I know now she's realized how people love her and how she inspires people because they made this visit possible," said Ada, adding that her daughter was glued to the *Dora the Explorer* show after her cartoon visitors left her room.

Ada thanked MCV Cable Cares Foundation for giving not just Dora Grace but her other children—ages 7, 3, and 2—the opportunity to meet the Nickelodeon characters.

"My three kids are going to be on stage with them. I'm going to accompany them to the show and they don't even know yet. I'm excited for them. It really means a lot for us," she added.

A Garapan resident also requested the two characters to visit the room of her 43-year-old niece who has been in the hospital since Sept. 18 also due to paralysis and pneumonia.

"She really loves watching Dora the Explorer and I know she's happy to have her picture taken with her favorite character," she said.

Higa said that after the Saipan show, all four Nickelodeon characters are headed to Guam where they will also visit patients at the Guam Memorial Hospital before their weekend shows.

He expressed his appreciation to all sponsors of the Saipan shows: Hertz for providing transportation, World Resort for providing room accommodations, Pepsi, Docomo Pacific, and Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

"With everybody's help, we're able to help kids brighten their day," said Higa.

# Romero's murder now 8 months old; still no one arrested

## »Family of murdered bartender still hoping, praying for justice

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The murder of bartender Emerita Relata Romero, whose body was found at the former La Fiesta Mall in San Roque, has been cold for eight months now, with no one being charged with the crime yet.

Romero's sister said yesterday that they are still hoping

### Schools urged to hold fundraisers to supplement 'essential' needs

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The Public School System will revisit its policy and regulations on education tax credit donations and other school fundraisers due to the limited budget allotted for school operations this new fiscal year.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., told *Saipan Tribune* that she will be allowing more fundraising campaigns to take place this school year to help schools address their "essential" needs.

PSS first tightened its rules on school fundraisers in school year 2010, stopping all school-organized fundraisers in and outside school campuses. It allowed Parents-Teachers-School Associations to spearhead all fundraising campaigns only for specific and approved projects by PSS.

"This year, it's going to be different because we will encourage schools to conduct fundraisers so they can address their most immediate, or essential needs," Sablan said.

"We're reviewing our regulations [on ETC] and see what we can do to support our schools. We already instructed our schools that before any non-appropriated

### Tropical storm moves away from Marianas

Tropical Storm Prapiroon (22) moved slowly away from the Marianas region yesterday.

Packing maximum sustained winds of 50 miles per hour, Tropical Storm Prapiroon is moving westward at 6 mph, according to the Guam-based U.S. National Weather Service.

As of 1pm yesterday, the center of Tropical Storm Prapiroon was 610 miles north-northwest of Yap, 695 miles west-northwest of Guam, and 710 miles west-

and praying that the suspect will be arrested and charged in court.

When asked for an update in the investigation, Department of Public Safety spokesman Jason Tarkong said the police reports have already been forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division. Tarkong said it is up to the OAG to provide an update in the case.

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Eduardo Relata, brother of Romero, told *Saipan Tri-*

*bune* Monday night that the pace of the investigation is very slow.

Relata said he learned that the investigation has already been completed and the reports were already forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division.

"We are still deciding when to hold that conference, but I will certainly let you know when it is scheduled," Prestley said in an email.

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Lawrence Camacho, the then chief of the Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigation Bureau, stated that police detectives are not abandoning the investigation into Romero's murder.

Camacho assured the public and the family of Romero that they are still working on the case.

Romero was last seen alive boarding a green or blue tinted sedan around 3am on Feb. 5, 2012, near her residence in

Garapan. FBI agents found her body two days later during a search in the northernmost building of the former La Fiesta Mall.

The cash reward, including the Crime Stoppers' \$1,000, has now reached \$22,000 for any information leading to an arrest in this case.

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# Ex-convict on probation admits to still using ‘ice’

An ex-convict who is on federal probation after serving a 30-month prison term in two cases was found using methamphetamine or “ice.”

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona last week granted the U.S. Probation’s recommendation that no action be taken

at this time against defendant Roque Sablan Norita.

U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola notified the court that, on July 16, 2012, the Marianas Counseling Services informed him that Norita tested presumptive positive for “ice” on July 13, 2012. MCS stated that Norita

denied using illicit drugs.

Arriola said that on the same date, July 16, Norita reported to the U.S. Probation Office for a probation non-compliance meeting.

Arriola said that Norita executed an admission form confessing to using “ice” on July 12, 2012.

The probation officer said he informed the defendant he would be re-gressed to phase 1 of the drug testing program as a result of his admission to drug use.

Norita reportedly apologized but Arriola said that he will be monitored closely and that any further

violations will be reported to the court.

In July 2010, the federal court slapped Norita with a 30-month prison term for possession of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person.

Norita has a prior manslaughter conviction and was sentenced to 10 years in prison. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## TESTIMONY

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Despite what he calls “personal media attack” by Fitial, Fletcher said he continues to support the governor’s “efforts to act in the best interest” of the CNMI people and said his “entire testimony” to the Special Committee on Impeachment was “truthful.”

Fitial, in a brief interview with reporters, said he has not considered yet or has not made a decision whether to ask Fletcher to resign or not, reiterating that Fletcher “lied” to the impeachment panel.

“I haven’t made that decision yet,” Fitial said. “Well, he lied.”

A claim that Fletcher disputes.

“My entire testimony was truthful.

I am here to bring compliance under the stipulated orders and committed to making CUC successful,” Fletcher said in a statement.

Fletcher testified before the impeachment panel on Wednesday on the sole-source \$190.8-million power purchase agreement that is the subject of a lawsuit and investigations. Fitial signed the contract with former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham, whom the court says is a fugitive from justice.

The governor issued a statement Friday saying Fletcher gave “false and misleading information” when he testified before the impeachment committee on the no-bid power purchase agreement.

The impeachment panel is conducting hearings in connection with

a resolution impeaching the governor for 16 allegations of felony, corruption, and neglect of duty.

In his statement yesterday, Fletcher said his position is mandated by a stipulated order executed by CUC, the CNMI government, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and enforceable by the U.S. District Court for the CNMI.

“In particular, I serve CUC as deputy executive director for the Water and Wastewater Division. The professionals recruited to serve CUC meet the standards mandated by the federal stipulated orders. Since early 2011, I have worked side by side with these professionals and the great employees of CUC to serve the utility and its customers. Without reservation, I can attest that these professionals and em-

ployees are committed to operating CUC in the best interests of the utility and its customers,” he said.

Rep. Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) and Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), both members of the impeachment committee, said Fletcher’s testimony was consistent with what the panel has been finding out about the no-bid, 25-year power purchase agreement—that it’s not in the best interest of the CNMI and its utility customers.

In the absence of a full economic analysis on the \$190.8-million PPA, the committee asked Fletcher to instead give his personal and professional opinion on the PPA. He said he does not believe the current PPA is in the consumers’ best interest.

## Improvements at CUC

Fletcher’s statement cited the progress made by CUC in the last few years since he came on board.

“Since I have been with CUC, the number of customers with 24-hour water service has significantly increased and for the first time since CUC began, we are close to island-wide 24-hour water,” Fletcher said.

He added that CUC has not incurred any fines from EPA, which CUC had incurred in the past.

“There has been vast improvement in water quality—CUC has gone

## CONTRACT

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Under the “profit sharing program” that the administration developed, lessee Eco Island Development LLC is provided access to public lands “without charge” until the project becomes profitable.

Herman Sablan, vice president of Eco Island Development LLC, said his company is the local consultant and partner for California-based American Capital Energy Co.

ACE has been waiting for a contract award from CUC since last year.

The profit sharing for the government is the amount to be paid to DPL based on the terms and conditions or rental payment schedules laid out in a “lease agreement.”

Some lawmakers told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday they will be asking the Office of the Public Auditor to look into this profit sharing deal between the governor and DPL and Eco Island Development.

### No lawmakers’ nod needed

These solar photovoltaic power plants will be located in at least four different locations.

Sablan said in ACE project’s case, the solar photovoltaic power plants will be located in five different locations.

This means there will be public lands in Obyan, Kagman, Tanapag, Dandan, and Koblerville that will be reserved for Eco Island/ACE.

Sablan said each of the reserved land is only up to 4.9 hectares, so as not to require the Legislature’s approval for each of the location.

Under CNMI law, any lease and extension of lease of public land consisting of more than 5 hectares requires legislative approval.

Sablan said ACE’s projected investment for the 20MW solar photo-

voltaic power plants is \$40 million. But he said this project could just be for only 10MW.

“I am now embarrassed with the California investors because it’s been a year and the contract is still under review. My guess is that they have already spent some \$50,000 on research, land survey, travels, and others for this project,” he told *Saipan Tribune* last night.

Sablan said ACE proposes to sell power to CUC at 18 cents per kWh.

He said if CUC charges an additional 4 to 5 cents for its operations cost, then the cost to CUC customers would be 22 to 23 cents, which is still far cheaper than what CUC currently charges its customers of over 30 cents per kWh.

Sablan said he is not sure whether CUC’s no-bid, \$190.8-million power purchase agreement with Saipan Development LLC, which was granted the exclusive right to develop a diesel-generated electric power plant on Saipan, is among the reasons for the delay in the contract award to ACE to develop the 10MW solar photovoltaic power plants.

The no-bid \$190.8-million PPA with Saipan Development LLC is among the issues connected to a resolution impeaching Fitial for 16 allegations of corruption, neglect of duty, and felony.

A Special Committee on Impeachment is holding hearings in connection with these 16 articles of impeachment.

The hearings will resume this morning and are broadcast live on Channel 60 and are posted on Facebook by concerned citizen Glen Hunter.

### MOA

On Oct. 10, 2011, Fitial, former DPL secretary Oscar M. Babauta, and Eco Island Development president Shen Yen signed a three-page memorandum of agreement to implement a renewable energy program in the CNMI.

The MOA spelled out the guiding principles for the profit-sharing program “developed by the CNMI government.”

These include the lessee undertaking both the investment and risk associated with the development of the renewable energy subject to support by the CNMI.

In exchange, the lessee will have access to public land without charge until the decentralized, renewable energy program becomes profitable.

“Based on the profit sharing program, the CNMI wishes to engage the services of Eco Island Development LLC to finance, build, and operate up to 20MW of solar photovoltaic power plants for the island of Saipan,” the MOA says. This MOA was amended on Nov. 7.

Profit-sharing will be included in the power purchase rate of 0.189 cents per kilowatt hour as signed in the PPA with a 5-percent increase every five years until the contract expiration.

About a month later or on Nov. 7, 2011, this MOA was amended to change the profit sharing from 5-percent increase every five years to 2.5 percent every year.

Sablan said he wrote to DPL acting secretary Ray Salas last week to let him know that there is a valid MOA between DPL and Eco Island Development.

Since last year, DPL has had three secretaries serving in acting and temporary capacities. The governor removed Babauta in March 2012, and appointed Pete Itibus as acting DPL secretary. Fitial later appointed Ray Salas as acting DPL secretary.

Salas said last night he has yet to see Sablan’s letter to DPL on the MOA.

Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos separately said weeks ago that the administration will pursue renewable energy despite the PPA with Saipan Development LLC on a diesel power plant.

## CHC

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therapists, who receive a smaller salary compared to their counterparts in Guam and the U.S. mainland.

The housing allowance—which was \$600 for single employees and \$800 for those with families—make up a large part of the total compensation received by respiratory therapist and other affected hospital personnel.

A respiratory therapist educate, diagnose, and treat people who are suffering from heart and lung problems.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the respiratory therapy department ideally has five personnel but currently has only two specialists onboard after the departure of two other therapists recently and the pending resignation of another.

Assuming that the two respiratory therapist work without zero overlap, it is feared that both will eventually burn out. It is also not possible to maintain 24-hour coverage with only two therapists at the unit.

Respiratory therapy is a requirement for continued Medicare certification.

Sources disclosed that the medical director of the respiratory laboratory, Dr. Michael Koning, has already conveyed this concern to the corporation

and recommended the immediate hiring of replacements.

Corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta told *Saipan Tribune* that he is now working on this and that the vacant positions would be advertised soon.

Babauta confirmed that one respiratory therapist would soon leave the unit after the employee accepted a \$50,000 salary in Guam for the same position.

Babauta admitted that with the financial condition of the corporation and the hospital, “it’s very hard to compete with places that offer high salary for medical professionals such as RTs.”

Babauta said the situation at the respiratory therapy department remains normal at this time because of some nurses helping out.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the corporation already has a short list of potential candidates for the positions. These are trained respiratory therapists who are currently on island.

Meantime, many supplies for the public hospital are now coming in. Corporation staff and employees, it was learned, were very pleased upon seeing the unloading of supplies last week.

Babauta confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* the delivery of many hospital supplies since last week. Due to budget constraints, immediate supplies at CHC have been scarce for several months.

# Ex-WPS principal moves to suppress all evidence obtained from laptop

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Former Whispering Palms School principal Thomas Weindl has asserted that a search using an Internet surveillance software secretly installed on his computer by an FBI agent was without a warrant and therefore all evidence obtained from this warrantless search must be barred at trial.

Weindl, through counsel David G. Banes, said the absence of a search warrant renders the U.S. government's actions in this case unreasonable.

The laptop was actually a school-issued unit to the son of an FBI agent. The FBI agent installed a computer surveillance program called "E-Blaster" on the laptop to monitor his son's Internet activity. At that time, the son was a junior student at Whispering Palms School where Weindl was principal.

On June 8, 2012, the FBI agent returned the laptop to Weindl as he and his family were then relocating to the U.S. mainland. The E-Blaster program, however, remained on the laptop. When the agent later received E-Blaster activity reports showing a number of websites and searches pertaining to child pornography,



Weindl

he investigated and allegedly learned that it was Weindl who made the searches.

Weindl was arrested on June 28, 2012, after almost three hours of questioning by two FBI special agents.

Weindl's lawyer, Banes, cited that the Fourth Amendment protects a person's right to be secure from an unreasonable search and seizure at the hands of the government.

He said Weindl had a legitimate expectation of privacy in the laptop at his office.

He said the computer was used exclusively by the defendant and securely stored in a desk drawer at the end of each day.

Banes added that neither Whispering Palms nor the Public School System had any policies regulating the computer used by Weindl.

"There were no rules restricting the use of the computer to school-related work or any warnings indicating the computer would be monitored in any way," Banes said.

Therefore, he said, Weindl's expectation of privacy cannot be determined by any notion that he should have expected the U.S. government to monitor his personal use of the laptop inside his office.

Banes said the FBI's surreptitious monitoring of Weindl's

Internet activity constitutes an unreasonable search as it intruded upon a legitimate expectation of privacy.

» **Defendant says  
FBI's search on  
computer done  
without a warrant**  
» **Miranda rights  
never read to him**

ports and the defendant's statements to the FBI are products of an illegal search and must be excluded.

Banes said the special agent's decision to review the E-Blaster report without bothering to

apply for a search warrant violates the fundamental purpose of having a warrant requirement at all.

Banes said the E-Blaster re-

Banes said Weindl's statements to the FBI prior to his arrest should also be excluded based on the "fruit of the poisonous tree" doctrine to the extent any such statements are actually incriminating.

The lawyer said the FBI agents strongly suspected Weindl of downloading the pornographic images referenced in the E-Blaster report, yet did not advise him of his Miranda rights prior to questioning him.

In his declaration in support of the motion, the 57-year-old Weindl stated he did not feel

he could refuse to answer the FBI's questions.

"I was never asked if I wanted to speak to an attorney. I was never told that I did not have to answer any questions. I was never told I could leave the office at any time and I did not feel I could do so under the circumstances," Weindl said.

Weindl was indicted on two counts of receipt of child pornography and two counts of access with intent to view child pornography. He pleaded not guilty. His jury trial will be on Nov. 27, 2012.

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## Fitial: Election Day is holiday

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REPORTER

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has issued a memorandum confirming that Nov. 6, the day of the midterm election, is a legal holiday in the CNMI.

The governor cited 1 CMC 6508, which states, "If an election is held on a day other than a Saturday or Sunday, the election day shall be a legal holiday within the Commonwealth or in the senatorial or election district."

"Therefore, please be advised that Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012, shall be observed as a legal holiday in the Commonwealth," Fitial said in his one-page memo of Oct. 3.

The fiscal year 2013 budget restored "paid" legal holidays and 80 work hours per payroll.

Up for grabs in the Nov. 6 midterm polls are 20 seats in the House of Representatives, three in the Senate, three for the Board of Education, all

positions in municipal councils, retention of judges, and one position for U.S. nonvoting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Three legislative initiatives are also up for voters' ratification. These include House Legislative Initiative 17-2, which will make the attorney general an elected position; Senate Legislative Initiative 17-12, which seeks to amend the mission statement of the Board of Regents of the Northern Marianas College; and House Legislative Initiative 17-5, which will allow the government to float a bond to help prolong the NMI Retirement Fund's lifespan.

Meanwhile, the Commonwealth Election Commission will be accepting requests for absentee ballots until Friday, Oct. 12. For more information, visit the Commonwealth Election Commission website at <http://www.votecnmi.gov.mp>.

## Fallon: Feds will not release Covenant negotiation records

While the Covenant sections implementing U.S. of immigration and minimum wages have been implemented, attorney Alexis Fallon is wondering why she is having such a lengthy struggle with a wide section governing the implementing of Social Security laws in the CNMI.

"U.S. control of immigration and the minimum wage have gone into effect with considerable consequences and with little regard for the negative economic and social impact to the Commonwealth. Obvious negotiating references to the implementation of Social Security, once again is at issue with the probable death of the NMI Retirement Fund, the Covenant sections implementing U.S. Social Security and the people of the NMI entitlement to U.S. Social Security benefits based upon their U.S. citizenship are now of primary concern to the people of the NMI. Yet the federal government is apparently unable or unwilling to furnish us with this critical Covenant negotiating history," Fallon said.

Fallon has filed a lawsuit against the federal government on behalf of Hong Kong Entertainment and Rifu Apparel contending that many former garment factory workers and their employers should never have been expected to contribute to Social Security under the Covenant Section 606 that implemented the program in the CNMI. As part of her lawsuit against the federal government to secure the return of Social Security payments paid to the U.S. Treasury, Fallon has made repeated requests of the Department of the Interior and the Department of State, along with other relevant federal record storage and archival organiza-

tions, for Covenant negotiating documents relevant to the implementation of Social Security in the islands, but has been stymied at almost every turn. The closure of the former Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations seems to have orphaned its records.

The CNMI attorney has filed affidavits from key participants in the negotiation process attesting to the creation and existence of the records Fallon has requested, but Freedom of Information requests have so far gained almost nothing but further referential material indicating that the material exists. "In one case, I'm told some records are classified and first must be reviewed before I can see them," she said. "I'm talking about the implementation of Social Security in the CNMI, there's nothing classified there."

If U.S. negotiating records are hard to find on such a non-controversial topic, Fallon wonders about those that relate to political status, sovereignty, military retention areas and other matters of considerable importance to the people of the Commonwealth. Moreover, in prior litigation between the CNMI and the United States about control of CNMI waters and submerged lands, the CNMI government specifically requested these files and were told then by the U.S. Department of Justice that files were misplaced. However, in the present litigation in the Federal District Court, the Department of Justice is no longer representing that the government cannot locate these files but that these files should be protected from discovery.

"I suggest local leaders begin paying attention to acquiring the details that gave shape to the final document of the Commonwealth," she said. "They could be crucial in the future." (PR)

## War bereaved group makes annual pilgrimage

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REPORTER

Twenty members of the Japan War-Bereaved Association from the Shizuoka Prefecture traveled to the Northern Marianas last week to hold their annual memorial service and perform community service to the islands.

Led by association chair Hideo Yamashita, the group, composed of sons and daughters of Japanese soldiers who died in the CNMI during World War II, was also accompanied by one escort when they arrived on island on Oct. 2.

The visitors flew to Tinian to visit war memorial sites then returned to Saipan where members individually held memorial services on various parts of the island before holding last Saturday afternoon their final memorial service as a group at the Last Command Post in Marpi.

Amid gray skies and light rain, the Japan War-Bereaved Association members and other prefecture leaders were joined by Japan Consul Tsutomu Higuchi as the group offered prayers, flowers, memorial songs, and incense in honor of family members and friends who perished in the CNMI during the war 68 years ago.

In his native tongue, Yamashita expressed hope that there will no longer be any war in the world and that there will be eternal peace between nations. He said that through their annual memorial service, they can continue to build a strong and lasting relationship between Japan and the Commonwealth.

With the assistance of ground handler Pau Pau Tours, the group also took part in a tree-planting activity in Marpi following the memorial service.



CLARISSA V. DAVID  
Members of the Japan War-Bereaved Association from the Shizuoka Prefecture present a wheelchair to the Commonwealth Health Center as their donation.

On Saturday morning, the group went to the Commonwealth Health Center to donate one wheelchair to the islands' only hospital and another to the Council on Developmental Disabilities assistive technology program coordinator.

Yamashita presented the donation to hospital staff led by chief operating officer Esther Muña, and to Ray Diaz, Council on Developmental Disabilities assistive technology program coordinator.

Yamashita, through an interpreter, said they brought the wheelchairs as an offering to the community, adding that the wheelchairs are strong, long-lasting, and easy to use.

In return, Diaz presented the group with a certificate of appreciation. "We'll make sure it's used properly. I know the disability community will appreciate this wheelchair," he said.

Muña acknowledged the group's generosity to CHC, which they demonstrate every time they visit the island for their annual pilgrimage.

"CHC is definitely struggling," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "To have a durable medical equipment provided by an organization that considers the CNMI as part of their family is amazing and we really appreciate it."

While the hospital has wheelchairs, Muña said some already need replacements. "We welcome any donation at the hospital because it's a big help for us when we don't have to purchase equipment or supplies," she added.

The visiting group flew back to Japan on Sunday.

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## Hearings set for man in document fraud case

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has set the sentencing and revocation hearings for a man convicted of immigration fraud who admitted to smoking marijuana while on bail.

Manglona on Friday ordered Steven Romie Aguon to appear at his sentencing and revocation hearings on Oct. 15, 2012 at 1:30pm.

The court first set the hear-

ings for Aug. 1, 2012, but vacated the proceedings to allow Aguon to travel off-island for medical treatment.

On Sept. 14, 2012, the court again allowed the defendant to travel off-island for medical treatment.

On Friday Manglona said she has been told that Aguon is now back on island.

Aguon pleaded guilty in February to immigration document

fraud. He is awaiting sentencing.

In July, the U.S. Probation Office asked the court to revoke or modify Aguon's bail conditions after he tested positive for chemicals found in marijuana.

Aguon allegedly admitted smoking marijuana after a family member offered him a joint.

Aguon also allegedly disclosed that he saw his girlfriend,

one of his third party custodians, smoking marijuana with friends in front of his residence.

U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola said Aguon stated that he confronted and slapped his girlfriend for using the drug.

The probation officer said that, on May 25, 2012 the girlfriend admitted to smoking marijuana and that Aguon slapped her for that. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



### HEADSTART INSTRUCTORS

CNMI Headstart instructors take time for a group photo with Northern Marianas College's Community Development Institute staff members at Tanapag Headstart facilities after being awarded their certificates of completion for professional development workshops facilitated by CDI. After completing the workshops, the Headstart instructors completed seven courses through NMC's School of Education over the summer that will be credited toward their Headstart instructor certification, as well as their bachelor's degree in Education with a concentration in Early Childhood Education.

## 'Ice' possession lands man in prison

A man was slapped with a three-year prison term without the possibility of parole for illegal possession of methamphetamine or "ice."

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo sentenced George Taitano Manglona to three years in prison, with credit for the 100 days he has already spent in jail. He was ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine,

and \$100 court costs.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Manglona with trafficking of a controlled substance and illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Manglona pleaded guilty to illegal possession as part of a plea deal. The remaining charge was dropped.

Police said that members of

the Drug Enforcement Task Force and Criminal Investigation Bureau used a "cooperating source" to buy \$100 worth of "ice" each from Manglona and Juan D. Tydingco in separate operations on June 14, 2012.

The detectives allegedly managed to buy three grams of "ice" from Manglona. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

### DOUBLE CELEBRATION

Welcome to the Christian world, Baby Noah C. Santos and happy first wedding anniversary to Michelle and Noli Santos! Greetings come from your family and friends.

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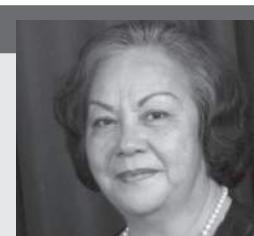
### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

There is no velvet so soft as a mother's lap, no rose as lovely as her smile, no bath so flowery as that imprinted with her footsteps. No distance could prevent us from wishing you a lovely birthday. *Biba komplianos nanan-mami, Alicia Leon Guerrero. Si yu'us ma'asi nanan-mami. Hagu i lina'lan familia yan gaige hao gi fondon korason mami, pagu yan para todou i tiempo. Na'i Animu! Ginen i famagu'on mu yan i asagua-mu giya Saipan, Bancuba, Pensubenia, yan Germany!*

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Happy birthday greetings go out to Benju Rectitud Jr., who is celebrating his special day today, Oct. 8, 2012. Thanks for being there through the tears, laughter, and dirty diapers. Happy birthday, Papa! We love you! Greetings come from Queen and Louis.

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### FOA membership meeting on Thursday

The Friends of the Arts will be holding its first membership meeting of the 2013 season on Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Canton Chinese Restaurant in Garapan.

A delicious Chinese buffet will open the program at 6:30pm with entertainment starting at 7pm or shortly thereafter, interspersed with a brief rundown of FOA business to include announcement and tickets for the upcoming 2013 season:

- *Deathtrap* by Ira Levin: Oct. 19, 20, 21
- *Visit from St. Nicholas* or The Night Before Christmas by Lowell Swortzell: December
- *Much Ado About Nothing* by William Shakespeare: February

*Miss Saigon*, the musical by Claude-Michel Schönberg; and

- *Alain Boublil*: May
- Season tickets will be available at \$40 for adults and \$25 for students.

The cost for the meeting is the same as for previous meetings: \$15 for adult members of FOA (age 12 and above) and guests, \$8 for children (age 4-12) and no charge for children younger than 4 years.

There will also be vegetarian dishes. Those who plan to attend the meeting should email Frank Gibson at [fkgibson@yahoo.com](mailto:fkgibson@yahoo.com). (*FOA*)

## Flashback

### A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

**Oct. 9, 2000**

#### CPA cuts passenger fee on Saipan docks

In fresh efforts to assist the serious attempts revive the island's tourism sector, the Commonwealth Ports Authority has started implementing a reduced passenger fee on three Saipan docks for an indefinite period beginning August. This was learned from Board Chair Roman S. Palacios who explained that the move was in response to clamor from tenants of the Seaplane Ramp, Echo and Sugar docks for a discounted passenger fee. Mr. Palacios disclosed a Board Resolution has been adopted to pave the way for the implementation of the discounted passenger fee from \$6 to a dollar per revenue passenger who boards or disembarks a vessel operating out of any of the three docks' premises on Saipan.

#### U.S. EPA Washington to choose panel of experts

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington will take the lead role in choosing a panel of experts who will make an in-depth study on crabs in Tanapag village following results of the preliminary survey, which showed that at least five crabs were contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyl. In an advisory, public health and environment officials have asked the people to stop eating land crabs as a precautionary measure since PCBs are potential cancer-causing agents as well as non-cancer health effects. People who have been exposed to PCBs in the air for a long time have also experienced irritation of the nose, lungs and skin such as acne and rashes.

**Oct. 9, 2001**

#### House OKs creation of corrections department

The separation of the Division of Corrections from the Department of Public Safety may soon be in the works, soon after the House of Representatives passed a measure changing the division into a department. The lower chamber voted to pass House Bill 12-375 on second and final reading during last week's special session, paving the way for the elevation of the Division of Corrections to a Department separate and distinct from the DPS and within the purview of the Executive Branch. This means that, once the measure is signed into law, the division will then be called the Department of Corrections, to be administered by a Commissioner of Corrections.

#### Fitial urges Senate to prioritize budget

As another fiscal year begins for the CNMI government under continuing budget resolution, House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial yesterday expressed disappointment at senators who did not attend a meeting called by Governor Pedro P. Tenorio to thresh out problems pertaining to the fiscal year 2002 budget. Only Sen. Ramon S. Guerrero attended the meeting Thursday last week, along with leaders of the House of Representatives. "It is absolutely a top priority for our legislature to pass a 2002 budget quickly so our government can move forward with our responsibilities and providing vital services for our people," said the Speaker.

**Oct. 9, 2002**

#### NMI looks at lockout impact numbers

The House committees on Transportation and Commerce met yesterday morning with Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente and Commonwealth Ports Authority officials to map out strategies that the CNMI can implement to minimize any impact that a protracted ports lockout in the U.S. West Coast could have on the local front. Gov. Juan N. Babauta is also set to meet with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce tonight and he said he intends to bring up this matter with the business community, if they have any suggestions that may help ease the situation for the CNMI if the lockout continues for quite some time. House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications chair Rep. Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero said they agreed during the meeting to look at the CNMI situation and how the lockout may affect the local economy.

#### NMC spent \$600K for accreditation, Y2K

The Northern Marianas College spent a total of \$600,000 on the purchase and use of two computer software—which, according to authorities, only proved to be problematic—in order to pass the accreditation process and prepare against the millennium bug. Sources from the College said that the NMC leadership, back in 1999, authorized the purchase of two different software packages, Power Campus and Great Plains. The Power Campus software was supposedly acquired to boost the NMC's registration and record system, while the other software was meant for the improvement of the accounting system. "But both software only brought problems due to system mess up."

# 24TH ANNUAL AMERICAN RED CROSS CLUB 200

PHOTOS BY CLARISSA V. DAVID



American Red Cross-NMI Chapter staff and volunteers hold the \$15,000 ceremonial check after announcing the winning ticket number. From left to right, board chair John Guerrero, emergency services director Juan Diego Tenorio, executive director John Hirsh, 1st vice chair Teresa Kim-Tenorio, Laila Boyer, and health and safety manager Kennedy Benjamin.



Grand prizewinner Leslie Sablan, left, joins her partner Mona Magofna and other friends for a group photo after the event.



Mistress of Ceremonies Laila Boyer talks to the contestants of the costume contest.



Country House staff performs their line dancing routine amid a heavy downpour.



CLARISSA V. DAVID  
A Country House Restaurant staff teaches a guest the art of line dancing at the 24th Annual Club 200 fundraising event of the American Red Cross NMI-Chapter on Oct. 6 at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.



The Japanese group G GAP entertains the crowd with a repertoire of country music.



Emcee Laila Boyer talks to the last pair participating in the costume contest.



Executive director John Hirsh joins treasure chest winners, from left to right, Chas Algaier, Alfreda Camacho, and Malou Mendoza.



Chief Public Defender Adam Hardwicke raises his arm after he and partner Jennifer Dockter were hailed winners of the dance contest.



Kennedy Benjamin, health and safety territory service delivery manager, right, draws the winning ticket number as emergency services director Juan Diego Tenorio looks on.

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## President 'Incomplete'

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**A**re people better off than they were four years ago?" is hardly a trick question. It's one of the most reliable cliches in American politics.

So Gov. Martin O'Malley, a Democrat from Maryland, should have been ready with some handy dodge when he was asked the question by Bob Schieffer of "Face the Nation." Really, in the circumstance, any circumlocution would do.

Instead, O'Malley said "No," igniting a firestorm with his unadorned, monosyllabic honesty. Which didn't last. Within 24 hours, the skies had brightened, the malaise had lifted, and O'Malley was pronouncing the country "clearly better off."

O'Malley can be forgiven for his initial forthrightness. People who make their living coming up with creative ways to avoid questions inconvenient to President Barack Obama didn't do all that much better. Asked twice on "Fox News Sunday" if Americans are better off, David Axelrod pointedly wouldn't say "yes" or "no." Asked three times on "This Week," David Plouffe passed on a direct answer all three times.

After getting knocked around for their evasiveness, though, the Obama team recalibrated and decided to answer "absolutely" to the better-off question. The herald of the new message was none other than the man best-suited to bluster his way through a not-particularly credible statement, Vice President Joe Biden.

"America is better off today than they left us when they left," Biden told a union rally, before adducing as evidence what he called a "bumper sticker": "Osama bin Laden is dead and General Motors is alive."

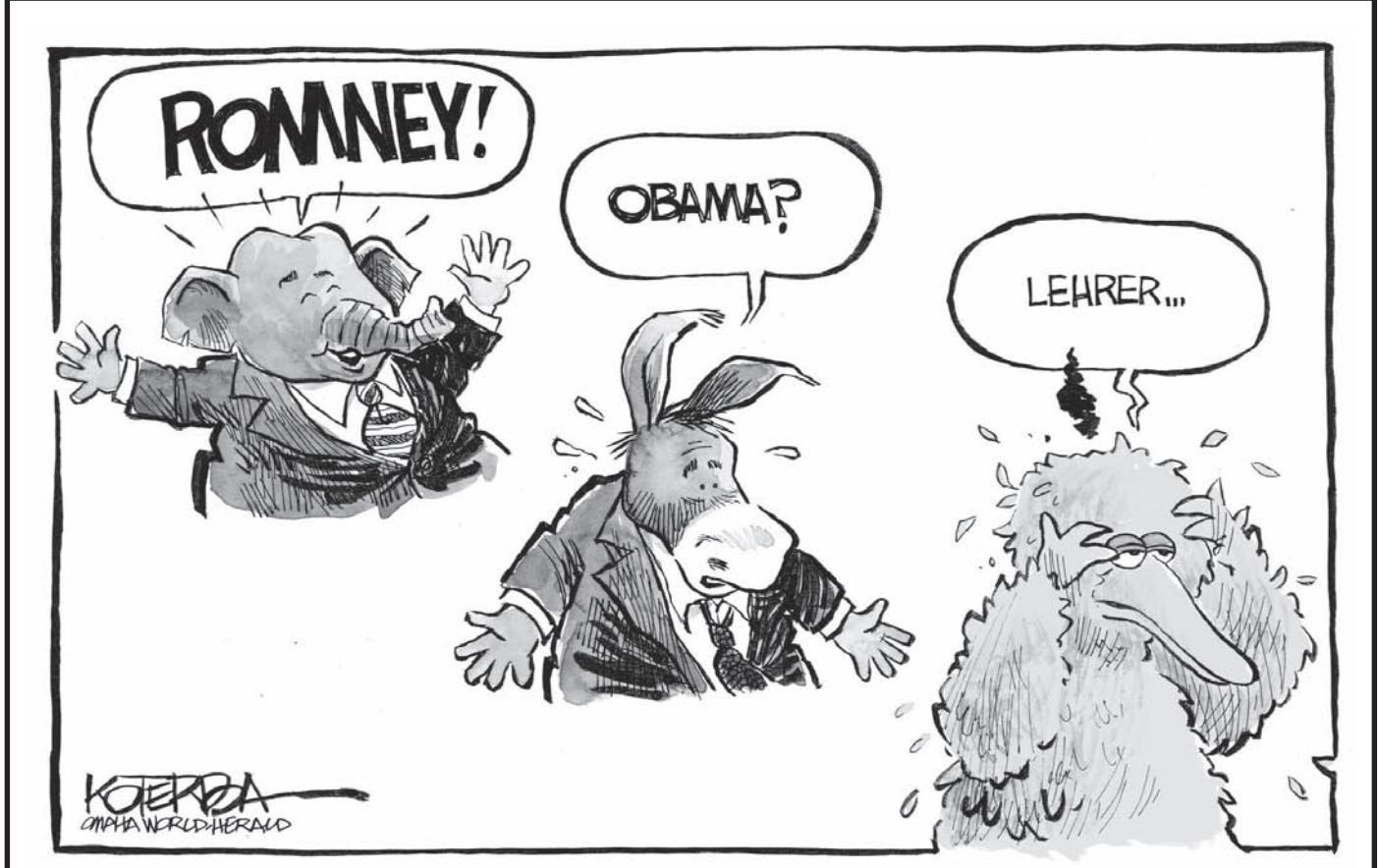
The catchy bumper sticker doesn't address the better-off question. The query has to do with personal economic well-being. It's a wonderful thing that bin Laden was dispatched, but it doesn't give anyone any additional income. It's terrific for GM's remaining workers that they are still working, but the cost of the car company's bailout -- some \$35 billion -- makes it a rotten deal for everyone else.

A clever bumper sticker can't obscure that real median income has declined \$4,300 since January 2009, the unemployment rate has been above 8 percent for 42 straight months, and long-term unemployment is up and labor-force participation is down. The Democrats can say all of this is an accident of timing: The aftereffects of the Bush recession are unfairly counted against their record. But the recovery that they take credit for is also an accident of timing. The economy wasn't going to keep shedding 800,000 jobs a month forever.

In fact, the recovery proved dismally lackluster. President Obama's signature initiatives -- a stimulus designed to sate pent-up congressional spending demands, ObamaCare, the hideously complex regulations of Dodd-Frank -- were irrelevant to or crosswise with promoting a sustained, robust recovery.

Now, the president gives himself a grade of "incomplete," as if he has much else yet to accomplish. Yet his stated second-term agenda consists only of a tax increase on the wealthy, and getting along with the same congressional Republicans he can't abide. There's evidently nothing for him to complete, except riding out the consequences of his misbegotten first term.

*See PRESIDENT on Next Page*



## The University

**T**here is an assumption that words are capable of delivering specific meanings similar to the precision presumed in numbers. Words and numbers are the language systems we teach in school to attain meaning and relationship of units. We narrate with words and ground them in numbers to arrive at a common understanding.

Ludwig Wittgenstein, the British-German philosopher, proposed that the meaning of a word is in its use, not automatically the dictionary meaning or its etymological roots. The Philippines' use of the word "salvage" is an example of how a Spanish word, "salvaje, wild, brutal and savage," is used when vigilantes, and/or officials engage in extrajudicial execution of unwanted personnel. "The activist was salvaged by unknown assailants," in Philippine news usually means one was brutally savaged!

The meaning of salvage is the reverse in old English usage, derived from the Latin *salvus*, safe and secure. Used nautically, to salvage is to save a ship or a boat afloat without rudder or direction. It is also used to refer to the recycling of something still useful that would otherwise stay idle and wasted. So, here is a word with two diagonally opposed meanings.

The university gathers various colleges under one umbrella that pursue common disciplines and promote consensed understanding. In science, when an image of a common understanding is radically changed, a paradigm shift is said to occur. Consequently, colleges tend to be defensive about their treasured paradigms. There are intelligent folk who insist that the world is flat or that the landing on the moon was a contrived television illusion!

Our university observation has not been much at the level of cognition as it has been on just the sense noticing in our encounters with students and faculty.

China's institutions of higher learning opened its gates in the last 10 years. This year, one statistic projected that 60 percent of high school graduates are in college, up from 20 percent a decade ago. Industrializing China, of course, has a lot to do with that, as farming became mechanized and the extra hand becomes redundant. Instead of heading to the now overcrowded urban centers to join their elders on day labor, they are registered instead in many institutions of learning.

My Aerospace University is impressive in name, and though it trains people in aero-astronautic engineering, along with aircraft pilots and stewardesses, it also hosts students assigned by national exam officers who failed to attain the grade level that qualifies them to the career of their choice. Thus we have students taking "soft" courses in management, human resource, organizational development, language, and social sciences, etc., not because they chose to but because they were assigned to. Keeps them away from the labor pool, a wag quipped.

So, we watch students. We are told that it takes 281 buttons to

**By JAIME R. VERGARA**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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turn on a girl. It allegedly takes that many stimuli to get her excited. It takes only one stimulus for the boys, or, maybe two if one added something else other than Liverpool or Madrid's football team (oh, you of one-track mind!). Could be three, now that they spend half of their lives in computer rooms playing DOTA (Defense of the Ancients) games to forget that they are at the university on someone else's choice!

The girls are quite literally, young little girls. OK, some are way taller than I am. But still, some have just given up their Barbie doll cotton undies and are still a few years down the line (hopefully, never) to L'Oreal, the exclusive Dior and Gucci lines, and the silk and satin secrets of Victoria's laced things.

In one of the very telling discoveries we stumbled into when tall stewardesses were assigned to be greeters of guests at the school auditorium door in one of our school functions, one of the girls had to scratch her calf, so she reclusive herself to a nook in the hallway. I chanced upon her, bent, revealing a three-inch elevated flaming orange Converse rubber shoes underneath her floor length Manchu gown. Towering over me, I exchanged smiles to acknowledge that no one needed to be embarrassed by the encounter.

We are reminded of our limited encounters with students at NMC. The campus itself reminded me of UoG in the early '80s, of training facilities for clerks of the old Trust Territory government. Don't look like we've moved very far from there. Were we serious about the education of our citizens, we would intentionalize campuses and educate human beings rather than train peons in makeshift shack leftovers from a previous era to staff bureaus and agencies!

In this regard, China is ahead of the game. Though a culture sensitive to "face," of Confucian ethics as social propriety, it is not laden with the "*amor proprio*" facade of Iberian legacy that determines behavior and social status in the Marianas. We trust Susan Hart is working to propel the NMC game from utility to humanity. She can begin with the soon-to-be teachers at PSS so that they need not prepare to work for a living, but rather, to learn to live a productive life.

Education is about learning and growth, development and wisdom, not about graduating with the Commissioner's Award. We have some distance to go.

# New style, same old North Korea

By BRUCE KLINGNER  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**P**yongyang again disappointed those predicting it was about to change its ways. For months, experts and major media organizations have proclaimed imminent economic reform, even declaring that "North Korea has virtually abandoned the planned economy." A rare second Supreme People's Assembly this year could only mean codification of free-market principles, or so it was argued.

Yet the legislative assembly came and went in late September with nary a whisper of economic reform. What went wrong? There is a long history of grasping at North Korean straws. After the death of North Korean leader Kim Il Sung in 1994, many experts, including in the U.S. government, predicted that his successor Kim Jong Il was actually a bold reformer on the cusp of implementing massive economic reform. Well, we're still waiting.

After Kim Jong Il failed to materialize as a reformer, a new theory arose that Pyongyang was riven with factions competing for influence over the malleable North Korea dictator. A faction of North Korean soft-liners was reportedly hiding within the regime bureaucracy, furtively sending signals to the outside world for help. If only the United States or South Korea would provide concessions, it was said, that would strengthen the nascent reform movement and thus move North Korea onto the path to righteousness.

## Mr. Disengaged vs. the Energizer Bunny

By LYNNE K. VARNER  
THE SEATTLE TIMES

**A**nyone remember what President Obama said during Wednesday's less-than exciting debate? Me neither. But do you remember how he said the things we no longer remember?

Yep, me too. I remember every verbal inflection and soothing cadence, tones better left to National Public Radio.

Cool and collected is what got Obama elected. His ability to stay above the fray was attractive to an America on the verge of panic.

But Mr. Cool turned into Mr. Remote and had a lot of America reaching for one. Mitt Romney was the Energizer Bunny. He was aggressive and quick with Reaganesque rejoinders. One humiliating example: The GOP nominee compared Obama to one of his five sons fibbing yet again in the hopes his parents will believe it this time.

Was it me, or did our president shrink in that moment to the size of a recalcitrant millennial? The leader of the most powerful nation cannot allow himself to be diminished by comparisons to one of the Romney boys excusing a dent in the family Beemer!

Unsurprisingly, Romney received a nice boost in the polls following the debate. CNN polled 430 adults who watched and found 67 percent of them thought Romney won, while only 25 percent picked

## Historical lesson for Obama: Clinton tax hikes slowed growth

By CURTIS DUBAY  
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**Y**ou're going to hear it a lot in the coming weeks. President Obama will say again and again that our economy can grow despite the tax increases he proposes. As proof, he'll point to economic performance after President Bill Clinton's tax hikes in the early 1990s.

But what really happened after Clinton raised taxes? The historical record is clear, and it isn't what President Obama would have you believe.

Clinton signed his tax hike into law in September 1993, the same year he took office. It included an increase of the top marginal tax rate from 31 percent to 39.6 percent, among many other increases. (Obama also wants to raise the top rate, but, because of Obamacare, higher than under Clinton.)

After these tax hikes, the economy actually slowed to a point below what one would expect, considering the once-in-a-generation favorable economic climate that existed at the time.

The economy was well into recovery before Clinton took office. In January 1993, the economy was in the 22nd month of expansion following the recession from July 1990 to March 1991.

In addition to coming into office in the midst of an economic expansion, Clinton also benefited from a very unusual confluence of events that created a remarkably favorable environment for rapid economic growth:

■ The end of the Cold War brought growth-enhancing certainty to the global economy.

But in reality the regime was using a classic "good cop, bad cop" strategy. As a Korean adage warns, "The same animal has soft fur and sharp claws."

When numerous concessions didn't bring about the desired outcome, failure was blamed on insufficient U.S. and South Korean largesse or on evil neoconservative influences in Washington and Seoul.

The death of Kim Jong Il in December and the ascent of the Western-educated Kim Jong Un resurrected the "hope springs eternal" forces. Visions of Kim fils enjoying Disney characters cavorting onstage and watching excerpts from "Rocky IV," accompanied by his stylish wife, triggered suggestions of a new dawn in Pyongyang.

The evidence for economic reform to date is scant and based on purported private statements rather than government pronouncements. Pyongyang even responded to the speculation by denying any intent to reform. Kim Jong Un declared in April that North Korea should maintain "socialist economic principles." In July, Pyongyang denounced suggestions of reform as "hallucinations" and said that expecting reform in North Korea was "nothing but a foolish and silly dream."

North Korea may yet implement some economic reform, as it has in the past, only to subsequently retreat from its brushes with capitalism. But the leadership elites remain deathly afraid of relinquishing control lest it precipitate regime instability or even collapse.

More important, even widespread economic reform would not make North Korea any less repressive to its citizens or less dangerous to its neighbors.

Since Kim Jong Un's ascent, North Korea has purged hundreds of officials, called for the assassination of the South Korean president, threatened to annihilate South Korean media and violated United Nations resolutions. In September, the Foreign Ministry vowed to expand the regime's nuclear weapons arsenal "beyond imagination." And Kim Jong Un has been credited by Pyongyang with masterminding North Korea's nuclear and missile tests in 2009 and its two acts of war in 2010 that left 50 South Koreans dead.

The young leader has shown a change in style but not in policies from his predecessors. It would be naive to think that Kim Jong Un's embrace of some Western cultural icons or even economic reforms supersedes long-standing North Korean resistance to capitalism, democracy and a non-threatening foreign policy.

As such, the United States and its allies should be wary of growing calls to retrace the same tired path of offering concessions without gaining reciprocal actions by Pyongyang. Otherwise, the latest North Korean three-card monte dealer would have found a patsy willing to ante up for another game.

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health and caring for our veterans.

Two presidential debates are left. They represent the remaining chances to capture tens of millions of viewers at once. Beware that many click onto the debate temporarily, en route to finding "Here Comes Honey Boo-Boo" or other television fare.

You will not have some of these folks for very long. Shelve the history of American energy policy and the promise or failure of Dodd-Frank Wall Street reform. Get crisp and concise.

The Seattle Times Editorial Board interviewed 170 candidates for Congress, governor, the Legislature and the courts. The value of these endorsement meetings is to hear the candidates' vision for our community but also to take their measure in person.

There was the guy who had to be asked, repeatedly, to take out his ear buds so he could converse with us or at least hear the questions. Another time, a candidate grew so angry he had to be escorted out. And there was the woman who quoted repeatedly from the Bible.

I wish those candidates remembered what I'm sure their mother once told them: It is not always what you say, but how you say it. President Obama and Mitt Romney said a lot during the debate, but how they said it matters most for now.

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## Clinton tax hikes reversed their downward trend and grew 1.7 percent per year during the same time.

If the Clinton tax hikes were powerful enough to slow an economy that had everything going in its favor, what would tax hikes now do to an economy that has everything working against it?

Economic growth is slow and declining. The unemployment rate remains stuck above 8 percent, and there appears to be little hope for it to fall in the near future.

At best, tax increases would slow the already stalled recovery. At worst, they would reverse it altogether. A slowed recovery or double-dip recession would further reduce the chances that the more than almost 13 million Americans currently looking for work would find jobs in the near future. Worse, President Obama's tax hikes would add even more Americans to that already-too-large figure.

With so many people looking work, the president should not be looking for policies that the economy can withstand. We need policies that will encourage it to grow.

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## PRESIDENT

*From Page 10*

Eventually, American will be better off than they were in 2008. When that day finally comes, this president will have had nothing to do with it.

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 78
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 77
Majuro	Showers	▲ 87	▼ 81

### Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲ 63	▼ 55
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 73	▼ 46
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲ 86	▼ 76
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 84	▼ 73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 57	▼ 46
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 73	▼ 58
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 86	▼ 77
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 58	▼ 44
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 88	▼ 76
New York	Showers	▲ 63	▼ 54
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 78	▼ 64
Paris	Showers	▲ 61	▼ 53
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 74	▼ 56
Rome	Showers	▲ 74	▼ 60
Salem	Sunny	75	43
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64	▼ 55
Seoul	Showers	▲ 70	▼ 49
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72	▼ 62
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 63	▼ 50

### Tides

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:08 AM	6:01 PM	Today	12:05 AM	1:09 PM
Wednesday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM	Wednesday	12:57 AM	1:53 PM
Thursday	6:08 AM	6:59 PM	Thursday	1:49 AM	2:36 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	6:59 PM	Friday	2:42 AM	3:19 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	6:58 PM	Saturday	3:37 AM	4:03 PM

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### DEPARTURES

#### GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5062 2:40am 3:10am 1, 3, 5

#### SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5062 2:40am 3:15am 1, 3, 5

#### SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070 4:35am 5:25am 2, 4, 6, 7

UA5062 4:50am 5:40am 1, 3, 5

UA5068 8:40am 9:30am Daily

UA5074 11:30am 12:20pm 1, 4, 5, 7

UA5076 3:10pm 4:00pm Daily

UA5078 6:50pm 7:40pm Daily

UA5072 9:55pm 10:45pm Daily

### ARRIVALS

#### ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5062 3:45am 5:40am 1, 3, 5

#### ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)

UA5062 3:40am 4:15am 1, 3, 5

#### GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5062 2:40am 4:20am 1, 3, 5 via ROP

UA5069 2:45am 3:35am 2, 4, 6, 7

UA5071 7:10am 8:00am Daily

UA5073 10:05am 10:55am Daily

UA5075 1:45pm 2:35pm 1, 4, 5, 7

UA5077 5:25pm 6:15pm Daily

UA5079 8:35pm 9:25pm Daily

#### SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287 6:05am 8:45am Daily

DL297 4:35pm 7:20pm Daily

#### SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606 2:20am 6:00am 1

OZ606 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

OZ604 3:30pm 6:55pm Daily

#### NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily

DL288 8:15pm 12:50am+1 Daily

#### SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

DL287 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6

#### SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603 8:50am 2:20pm Daily

OZ605 7:40pm 1:10am+1 7

OZ605 8:15pm 1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

#### SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)

UZ608 3:20am 6:35am 4, 7

#### PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)

OZ607 9:25pm 2:20am+1 3, 6

#### SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6

#### GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645 7:40pm 3:00am+1 1, 5

#### SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648 6:10am 8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7

#### SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

# Business

## US panel: China tech giants pose security threat

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—American companies should avoid doing business with China's two leading technology firms because they pose a national security threat to the United States, the House Intelligence Committee is warning in a report to be issued Monday.

The panel says U.S. regulators should block mergers and acquisitions in this country by Huawei Technologies Ltd. and ZTE Corp., among the world's leading suppliers of telecommunications gear and mobile phones.

Reflecting U.S. concern over cyber-attacks traced to China, the report also recommends that U.S. government computer systems not include any components from the two firms because that could pose an espionage risk.

"China has the means, opportunity, and motive to use telecommunications companies for malicious purposes," the report says.

The recommendations are the result of a yearlong probe, including a congressional hearing last month in which senior Chinese executives of both companies testified, and denied posing a security threat.

A U.S. executive of one of the companies said the firm co-



AP

In this Sept. 13, 2012, Charles Ding, Huawei Technologies Ltd.'s senior vice president for the U.S., testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, before the House Intelligence Committee as lawmakers probe whether Chinese tech giants' expansion in the U.S. market pose a threat to national security.

operated with investigators, and defended its business record. Huawei is a "globally trusted and respected company," said William Plummer, vice president for external affairs.

The bipartisan report is likely to become fodder for a presidential campaign in which the candidates have been competing in their readiness to clamp down on Chinese trade violations.

Republican Mitt Romney, in particular, has made it a key point to get tougher on China by designating it a currency manipulator and fighting abuses such as intellectual property theft.

The committee made the draft available to reporters in advance of public release Monday, but only under the condition that they not publish stories until the broadcast Sunday

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Pharmacy linked to outbreak issues wide recall

**ATLANTA** (AP)—The pharmacy that distributed a steroid linked to an outbreak of fungal meningitis has issued a voluntary recall of all of its products, calling the move a precautionary measure. The New England Compounding Center announced the recall Saturday. The company said in a news release that the move was taken out of an abundance of caution because of the risk of contamination. It says there is no indication that any other products have been contaminated. The Food and Drug Administration had previously told health professionals not to use any products distributed by the center.

#### Qatar Telecom boosts stake in Kuwaiti telecom firm

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates** (AP)—Qatar Telecom says it is paying \$1.8 billion to substantially boost its stake in Kuwaiti telecommunications operator Wataniya. The Qatari firm said Sunday it will own 92.1 percent of Watani-

ya, which is known officially as the National Mobile Telecommunications Company. It already holds a 52.5 percent stake. Qatar Telecom, or Qtel, didn't say who sold the shares. Wataniya's ownership is split between individual shareholders and the government's Kuwait Investment Authority sovereign wealth fund.

#### UK phone hacking victims urge press regulation

**LONDON** (AP)—Dozens of Britons who believe their phones were illegally tapped by journalists have written to Prime Minister David Cameron urging him to consider tighter press regulation. Celebrities, including actor Hugh Grant and Jude Law, were among 60 people who signed the open letter, which expressed alarm at news reports that Cameron will reject press regulation proposals from the Leveson inquiry, the investigation into Britain's media ethics. The letter—which calls for an end to self-regulation by the press—asks for assurances that Cameron will consider recommendations from the inquiry with an open mind.

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** (AP)—Say it's your birthday or you've just had a baby, maybe got engaged or bought your first house. If you're like many Americans, your friends are texting their congratulations, sending you an e-card or clicking "Like" on your Facebook wall. But how many will send a paper greeting card?

"I'm really, really bad at it," said Melissa Uhl. The 25-year-old nanny from Kansas City, Mo., hears from friends largely through Facebook. "Maybe," she said, "an e-card from my mom."

Once a staple of birthdays and holidays, paper greeting cards are fewer and farther between—now seen as something special, instead of something that's required. The cultural shift is a worrisome chal-

lenge for the nation's top card maker, Hallmark Cards Inc., which last week announced it will close a Kansas plant that made one-third of its greeting cards. In consolidating its Kansas operations, Kansas City-based Hallmark plans to shed 300 jobs.

Pete Burney, Hallmark's senior vice president who oversees production, says "competition in our industry is indeed formidable" and that "consumers do have more ways to connect digitally and online and through social media."

Over the past decade, the number of greeting cards sold in the U.S. has dropped from 6 billion to 5 billion annually, by Hallmark's estimates. The Greeting Card Association, an

industry trade group based in White Plains, N.Y., puts the overall-sold figure at 7 billion.

Brian Sword, 34, of Kansas City, said he's "definitely" buying and receiving fewer printed cards than he did a decade ago, though he still prefers to send them to—and receive them from—a small group of close friends and family.

"I do think there are a lot of benefits and it does say more when it comes in a paper card format than when it comes even as an online greeting card," Sword said. "There's just something about receiving that card in the mail and opening it up and having it be a physical card."

Even the paper cards people buy have changed. Many people now use online photo sites to up-

load images and write their own greetings. High-end paper stores are attracting customers who design their own cards, sometimes using graphics software once available only to professionals.

The investigation concludes that the risks associated with Huawei's and ZTE's provision of equipment to U.S. critical infrastructure could undermine core U.S. national-security interests," the report says.

The report says the committee received information from industry experts and current and former Huawei employees suggesting that Huawei, in particular, may be violating U.S. laws. It says that the committee will refer the allegations to the U.S. government for further review and possible investigation. The report mentions allegations of immigration violations, bribery and corruption, and of a "pattern and practice" of Huawei using pirated software in its U.S. facilities.

## Social media among threats to greeting card makers

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"What Hallmark started with met the needs of the consumers in that early 20th century period to mass produce these personal greeting cards with art and poems and the only way you could communicate was by mail essentially," said Pam Danziger, who analyzes the industry as president of Stevens, Pa.-based Unity Marketing. "It's no surprise that in the 21st century with so many other communication vehicles available that the old idea of a greeting card being sent by mail just doesn't work anymore."

## SpaceX Dragon capsule launched to space station

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.** (AP)—A commercial cargo ship rocketed into orbit Sunday in pursuit of the International Space Station, the first of a dozen supply runs under a megadeal with NASA.

It was the second launch of a Dragon capsule to the orbiting lab by the California-based SpaceX company. The first was last spring.

This time was no test flight, however, and the spacecraft carried 1,000 pounds of key science experiments and other precious gear on this truly operational mission. There was also a personal touch: chocolate-vanilla swirl ice cream tucked in a freezer for the three station residents.

The company's unmanned Falcon rocket roared into the night sky right on time, putting SpaceX

on track to reach the space station Wednesday. The complex was soaring southwest of Tasmania when the Falcon took flight.

Officials declared the launch a success, despite a problem with one of the nine first-stage engines. The rocket put Dragon in its intended orbit, said the billionaire founder and chief executive officer of SpaceX, Elon Musk.

"It's driving its way to sta-

tion, so that's just awesome," noted SpaceX President Gwynne Shotwell.

In more good news, a piece of space junk was no longer threatening the station, and NASA could focus entirely on the delivery mission.

NASA is counting on private business to restock the space station, now that the shuttles have retired to museums.

# Nation

## Romney: US should be more assertive on world stage

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney is proposing the U.S. take a more assertive role in Syria, put conditions on aid to Egypt and tighten sanctions on Iran as he looks to use a planned foreign policy address to paint President Barack Obama as a weak leader who has limited America's influence on global affairs.

Declaring that "it's time to change course in the Middle East" and accusing Obama of "passivity," Romney on Monday plans to call for the U.S. to work with other countries to arm rebels in Syria with weapons that can defeat the "tanks, helicopters and fighter jets" that make up President Bashar Assad's army.

Romney also plans to call for tougher sanctions on Iran than those already in place, and plans to say he will condition aid to Egypt on continued support for its peace treaty with neighboring Israel. He will emphasize his commitment to a two-state solution for peace between Israelis and Palestinians, a process he dismissed during a secretly videotaped fundraiser in May.

Romney plans to make the comments at a major foreign policy speech at Virginia Military Institute. His campaign released excerpts of his prepared speech in advance. Aides previewing the speech in a conference call with reporters emphasized that the Republican, who took a hawkish tone throughout the GOP primary, would outline a "mainstream" foreign policy vision.

"Hope is not a strategy. We cannot support our friends and defeat our enemies in the Middle East when our words are not backed up by deeds," Romney plans to say in the address, adding that the U.S. should use its influence "wisely, with solemnity and without false pride, but also firmly and actively."

Romney's attempt to outline his approach as commander in chief comes amid turmoil in the Middle East and North Africa. Iran is believed to be pursuing a nuclear weapon, Syria is locked in a civil war, peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians are moribund, and anti-American protests have erupted in several countries. Attackers linked to al-Qaida killed four Americans in



Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, right, kisses his wife Ann during a campaign rally, Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012, in Port St. Lucie, Fla. AP

### Obama ribs his own debating; Romney eyes speech

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—On a last dash for cash in the celebrity scene of California, President Barack Obama on Sunday took a good-natured shot at his own underwhelming debate performance, marveling at how his friends in the entertainment business could turn in flawless showings every time.

"I can't always say the same," Obama told thousands of supporters, who got the joke right away. It was Obama's most direct acknowledgment that his Republican rival, Mitt Romney, thoroughly won their debate Wednesday as a tight race rolled into its last month.

Benghazi, Libya, last month, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens.

The Republican has given several foreign policy speeches throughout the campaign, including one in Reno, Nev.,

As Romney readied for a major foreign policy speech, Obama spoke at the start of two-day fundraising swing through California, his final one out West, and one that was expected to raise several million dollars for advertising efforts to the finish.

He appeared on stage after comments by actor George Clooney and performances by Katy Perry, Stevie Wonder and Jon Bon Jovi—and before a night-capping dinner where he told those who had paid \$25,000 to see him that he intends to win. "I'm a big

ahead of a weeklong trip abroad in the summer. That trip was fraught, with Romney offending his British hosts by questioning their security preparations for the Olympic Games and rais-



Obama

believer in closing the deal," Obama said in the dimly lit environs of Wolfgang Puck's WP24 restaurant.

The Republican presidential nominee, meanwhile, sought to build on the momentum from a debate performance last week that even Democrats conceded was "masterful." Campaigning in up-for-grabs Florida, Romney told a crowd of about 12,000 in Port St. Lucie that he had enjoyed himself, ticking off a list of Obama shortcomings he said he had exposed during the first debate.

ing hackles among Palestinians who charged him with racism after he said culture was part of the reason Israelis were more economically successful than the neighboring Palestinians.

## What Jerry Sandusky can expect in Pa. prison

**HARRISBURG, Pa.** (AP)—Jerry Sandusky will walk into state prison with little more than a watch and wedding band. He'll be able to work a 30-hour week to make a few dollars. He'll be able to watch Penn State football but not violent movies.

If the former Penn State defensive coach is sentenced Tuesday to a long state prison term, he will find himself far removed from the comfortable suburban life he once led, placed under the many rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.

Even Sandusky's own attorney believes that whatever sentence he gets, at age 68 Sandusky will likely live out his days inside a state prison. Prison officials, written policies and former offenders provided a detailed look to The

threshold for a state prison sentence—Sandusky's first stop will be the Camp Hill state prison near Harrisburg, where all male inmates undergo a couple weeks of testing to determine such things as mental and physical health, education level and any treatment needs.

Prison officials will assign him a security level risk and decide which "home prison" to send him to.

Although Sandusky's home in the Lemont area of State College is only a couple miles from Rockview state prison, there is no way to predict where he will end up.

Older inmates sometimes end up at Laurel Highlands, which can better treat more severe medical problems, or Waymart, a comparatively lower-security prison in the state's northeastern corner.

Associated Press about the regimented life behind bars that Sandusky faces.

Sandusky has been housed in isolation inside the Centre County Correctional Facility in Bellefonte since his conviction in June on 45 counts of child sexual abuse, and he has spent his days reading and writing, preparing a statement for sentencing and working out twice a day, defense attorney Joe Amendola said "Jerry is a very likable guy—he gets along with everybody," Amendola said last week, as he worked with Sandusky to help get his affairs in order, including a power of attorney and updated will. "He's a model inmate. He doesn't cause problems, he's sociable, he's pleasant."

Assuming Judge John Cleland gives him at least two years—the minimum

## Gunman opens fire in NJ car; 2 killed, 3 wounded

**CAMDEN, N.J.** (AP)—A masked man carrying a gun and a machete entered a parked car and opened fire on five young adults inside, killing the driver and a passenger and wounding the others, then pushed aside the driver's body and drove off with four of the victims inside, authorities said, in a startling burst of violence even for a city

consistently ranked as one of the nation's most dangerous. It was not clear whether the gunman knew anyone in the car or what sparked the shooting late Saturday, Camden County prosecutor's spokesman Jason Laughlin said. The gunman eventually fled and remained at large Sunday, authorities said.

The car was parked in an alley when the masked man approached

In the fall, Romney faced criticism for his hurried and harsh reaction to news of protests at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo and the near-simultaneous attacks in Libya. Before the administration knew of Stevens' death, Romney criticized Obama for sympathizing with the attackers. In the aftermath, top Republicans—including Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the 2008 presidential nominee—urged Romney to give a speech laying out his vision for U.S. foreign policy.

The Obama campaign dismissed Romney's planned Monday address as a rehashed attempt to fix past blunders.

"We are not going to be lectured by someone who's been an unmitigated disaster on foreign policy every time he sticks his toe in the foreign policy waters," campaign spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters aboard Air Force One on Sunday. The campaign prepared a TV ad calling Romney "reckless" and "amateurish" on foreign policy questions. Obama's aides also insisted Romney's speech included few specifics that were markedly different from the president's own record.

While Obama has held an edge in polls on handling foreign policy issues, Republican aides say the Benghazi attack—and ensuing questions about possible intelligence failures and lax security at the Libya consulate—has given Romney a new opportunity to criticize the president.

Now, following a strong debate performance, Romney will give the speech at the alma mater of former Secretary of State George Marshall, the architect of the Marshall Plan that rebuilt Europe in the wake of World War II. In the conference call previewing the speech, aides pointed to that connection to illustrate Romney's vision of leadership and engagement on the world stage. The advisers cast Romney as part of a long tradition of statesmen beginning with former President Harry Truman; adviser Rich Williamson said Romney would offer a "bipartisan" approach while aide Eliot Cohen referred to Romney as "very much in the mainstream of foreign policy."

and got in on the driver's side, Laughlin said. He fired several shots, killing the 18-year-old driver, Jewel Manire, and Khalil Gibson, 20, of Camden.

The spray of bullets wounded a 20-year-old woman in the face, a 16-year-old in the head and another 16-year-old in the arm, Laughlin said.

After the gunman stopped shooting, he pushed aside Manire's body and drove off with all the victims inside except the teenager who was shot in the arm. She had managed to escape and called 911.

The car was driven to a nearby dirt road, where the 20-year-old woman also jumped out and ran off. The gunman briefly pursued her but could not catch her, and he soon ran away.

# Asia

## Philippines, Muslim rebels forge peace pact

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Philippine President Benigno Aquino III announced Sunday that his government has reached a preliminary peace deal with the nation's largest Muslim rebel group in a major breakthrough toward ending a decades-long insurgency.

Aquino said the "framework agreement"—a roadmap for a new autonomous region for minority Muslims in the predominantly Roman Catholic nation's south—was an assurance the Moro Islamic Liberation Front insurgents will no longer aim to secede from the country.

The agreement, to be signed Oct. 15 in Manila, spells out general principles on major issues, including the extent of power, revenues and territory of the Muslim region. If all goes well, a final peace deal could be reached by 2016, when Aquino's six-year term ends, officials said.

"This framework agreement paves the way for final and enduring peace in Mindanao," Aquino said, referring to the southern Philippine region and homeland of the country's Muslims. "This means that the hands that once held rifles will be put to use tilling land, selling produce, manning work stations and opening doorways of opportunity."

He cautioned, however, that

"the work does not end here," and that the two sides still need to work out the accord's details. Those talks are expected to be tough but doable, officials and rebels said.

Rebel vice chairman Ghadzali Jaafar said the agreement provides a huge relief to people who have long suffered from war and are "now hoping the day would come when there will be no need to bear arms."

The deal marks the most significant progress in 15 years of on-and-off negotiations with the 11,000-strong Moro group on ending an uprising that has left more than 120,000 people dead, displaced about 2 million others and held back development in the south. Western governments have long worried that rebel strongholds could become breeding grounds for al-Qaida-affiliated extremists.

"The parties agree that the status quo is unacceptable," the 13-page agreement says. It calls for the creation of a new Muslim autonomous region called "Bangsamoro" to replace an existing one created in 1989 which Aquino characterized as a "failed experiment," where poverty and corruption have forced many "to articulate their grievances through the barrel of a gun."

The accord also calls for the

establishment of a 15-member "Transition Commission" to work out the details of the preliminary agreement and draft a law creating the new Muslim autonomous region in about two years.

Rebel forces would be deactivated gradually "beyond use," the agreement says, without specifying a timetable.

The Philippine government would continue to exercise exclusive powers over defense and

security, foreign and monetary policy in the new autonomous region, where Muslims would be assured of an "equitable share of taxation, revenues, and the fruits of national patrimony ... and equal protection of laws and access to impartial justice," according to Aquino.

Philippine officials said the preliminary accord would be posted on the government's website for public scrutiny, and

would be signed in Manila in the presence of Aquino, Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak and Moro rebel chief Al Haj Murad Ibrahim.

"It's been a long journey and this is an important milestone in our search for lasting peace," presidential peace talks adviser Teresita Deles told AP.

The United States, Britain, Malaysia and other countries welcomed the accord.

"This agreement is a testament to the commitment of all sides for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the southern Philippines," U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said in a statement. "The next steps will be to ensure that the framework agreement is fully implemented."

The new Muslim region would be built upon an existing five-province autonomous territory, among the country's poorest and most violent, with more than 4 million people.

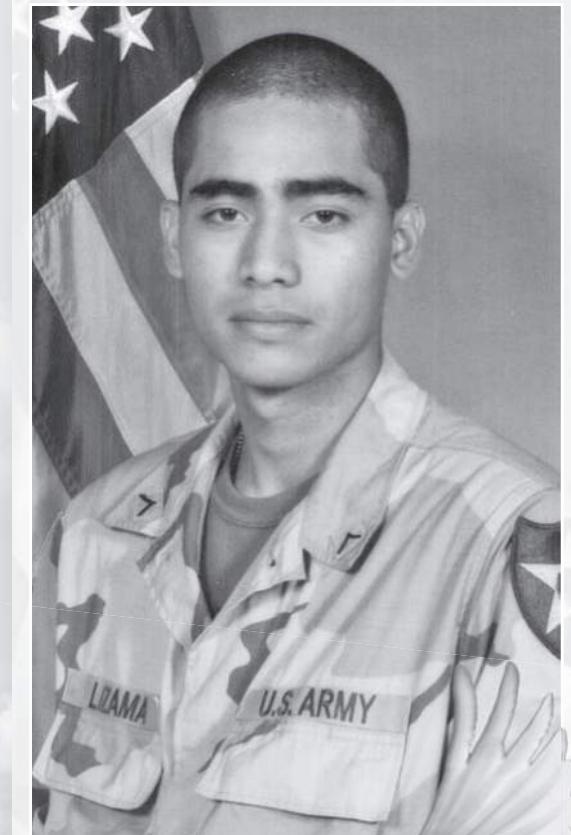
### IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

## †ADRIAN PETER CABRERA LIZAMA

July 08, 1985 – September 28, 2012

**His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:**

**Wife:** Lora Jean Macaranas Lizama  
**Children:** Auron M. Lizama  
**Parents:** Alexander Cloud M. Lizama  
**Parents-in-Law:** Adrianna Aeris M. Lizama  
**Grandmother:** Joaquin Reyes and Margarita Cabrera Lizama  
**Grandfather:** James Iglesias and Eloida Dela Cruz Macaranas  
**Siblings:** Soledad Camacho Cabrera  
**Brothers:** Dionicio M. Lizama



#### **Brothers, Sister and In-Laws:**

Sean C. Lizama & Jennifer (Jerome, Seannalyn, & Kindu); Jacob C. Lizama (Naomi & Harlan); Jude C. Lizama; Maria L. Camacho & Manuel (Mika & Marley); Dexter Dela Cruz Macaranas (Kaya Stephanian); Garcy Dela Cruz Macaranas & Indira (Ginira, Antonio James, & Maura Sophia); Robert Dela Cruz Macaranas & Shiela (Robert Junior) and Patrick Dela Cruz Macaranas & Destiny.

#### **In His New Life, He Now Joins His:**

**Grandfather:** †Maximo DLG. Cabrera  
**Grandmother:** †Maria Reyes Lizama  
**Grandparents-in-law:** †Andres Gregorio & †Petra Iglesias Macaranas  
†Gualbert & †Maura Santos Dela Cruz

#### **Sister, Brothers, Uncles, Aunts:**

†Ariane Ashley C. Lizama; †Dennis C. Lizama; †Kim C. Lizama; †Martin C. Lizama;  
†Richard I. Macaranas; †Howard I. Macaranas; †Irene M. Tupas; †Margarita C. Macaranas;  
†Corazon DLC. Tongco and †Maximo C. Cabrera.

Holy Rosary is being prayed at 5:30 p.m. followed by Daily Mass of Intentions at 6:00 p.m. at San Vicente Church. Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2012. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Señora Memorial Chapel to Kristo Rai Church in Garapan at 7:30 a.m. Responso services will be at 8:00 a.m. followed by Holy Rosary at 8:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed by Interment Services at the CNMI Veteran's cemetery in Marpi where he will be at a peaceful rest.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Thank You

**Lora Jean Macaranas Lizama and Children**  
**Joaquin Reyes and Margarita Cabrera Lizama**  
**James Iglesias and Eloida Dela Cruz Macaranas**

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### SKorea to have longer-range missiles under US pact

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—South Korea will be able to possess longer-range missiles capable of hitting all of North Korea under a new agreement with the United States that is likely to draw an angry response from the North. Under a previous 2001 accord with Washington, South Korea had been barred from deploying ballistic missiles with a range of more than 300 kilometers (186 miles) and a payload of more than 500 kilograms (1,100 pounds) because of concerns about a regional arms race. The restriction has made South Korea's missile capability inferior to that of rival North Korea, and some key military installations in the North have been out of South Korea's missile range.

#### Volcano erupts, spewing smoke in north Indonesia

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** (AP)—A volatile volcano in northern Indonesia erupted Sunday, spewing smoke and ash that caused muddy rain to fall in nearby villages, an official said. Mount Lokon in North Sulawesi province rumbled as heavy rain fell around its cloud-covered crater, local monitoring official Farid Ruskanda Bina said. He said the sound was heard 5 kilometers (3 miles) away but the height of the eruption was not visible. The ash made the rain thick and muddy in six villages, Bina said.

#### Bus accident kills 13, injures 9 in eastern China

**BEIJING** (AP)—Chinese state media say a bus traveling on an expressway has scraped a car, crossed the center divider and smashed into another oncoming bus. That bus then veered off the road, killing 13 people on board. The accident occurred around noon Sunday in eastern Shandong province. China Central Television says the second bus rolled over as it fell down a slope from the expressway. The official Xinhua News Agency says 13 people on that bus died and nine others are seriously injured.

# World

## Turkey, Syria trade fire; border tensions mount

**AKCAKALE, Turkey** (AP)—Turkey and Syria fired artillery and mortars across their volatile border for a fifth consecutive day on Sunday, in one of the most serious and prolonged flare-ups of violence along the frontier.

The exchange of fire stoked fears that Syria's civil war will escalate into a regional con-

flagration drawing in NATO member Turkey, once an ally of President Bashar Assad but now a key supporter of the rebels fighting to topple him.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu had warned on Saturday that Ankara would respond forcefully to each errant Syrian shell that lands on Turkish soil.

Ankara's warning was coupled by an apparent diplomatic push by the Turkish leadership to promote Syrian Vice President Farouk al-Sharaa as a possible figure to head a transitional administration to end the conflict in the country.

In an interview with Turkish state television TRT Saturday,

Davutoglu said that al-Sharaa was a figure "whose hands are not contaminated in blood" and therefore acceptable to Syrian opposition groups.

It was not clear whether the Turkish stance was coordinated with other allies, but the candid remarks by Davutoglu suggested some consensus might be emerging over a

future role for him.

Al-Sharaa, 73, a close associate and longtime loyalist to the Assad family, has been a controversial figure since the start of the uprising.

He appeared in public in late August for the first time in weeks, ending repeated rumors that he had defected. The regime has suffered a string of prominent defections in recent months, though Assad's inner circle and military have large-

ly kept their cohesive stance behind him.

Early on in the uprising, the Syrian president delegated to al-Sharaa, a skilled diplomat, responsibility for holding a dialogue with the opposition. A Sunni from the southern town of Daraa, birthplace of the Syrian uprising, al-Sharaa's silence since the start of the uprising made him a prime candidate for rumors that he broke with the regime.

**Chavez wins re-election, electoral council says**

**CARACAS, Venezuela** (AP)—President Hugo Chavez won re-election Sunday, defeating challenger Henrique Capriles and gaining six more years to cement his legacy and press ahead with his crusade for socialism in Venezuela.

With about 90 percent of votes counted, Chavez had more than 54 percent of the vote, and Capriles had 45 percent, National Electoral Council president Tibisay Lucena said. She said 81 percent of the nearly 19 million registered voters cast ballots, one of the largest turnouts in years.

It was Chavez's third re-election victory in nearly 14 years in office, though by a smaller margin than in 2006, when he won 63 percent of the votes.

Fireworks exploded in downtown Caracas, and Chavez's supporters celebrated waving flags and jumping for joy outside the presidential palace.

Chavez won more than 7.4 million votes, beating Capriles

by more than 1.2 million votes, Lucena said.

Capriles congratulated Chavez and told his supporters not to feel defeated.

"We have planted many seeds across Venezuela and I know that these seeds are going to produce many trees," he told supporters in a speech late Sunday.

Chavez spent heavily in the months before the vote, building public housing and bankrolling expanded social programs providing benefits to poor families.

Capriles, a youthful state governor, became a strong challenger after winning a February primary and rallied an opposition that grew more united and better organized than in the past. But in the end, it was no match for Chavez's electoral prowess.

Just as polls closed on Sunday night, hundreds of young red-shirted Chavistas took to the streets on motorcycles and said they were ready to begin celebrating.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Egypt's new president gives himself high grades

**CAIRO** (AP)—Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi has given himself high grades on his handling of some of the nation's pressing problems, spending much of a nearly two-hour speech late Saturday talking in painstaking detail about fuel, trash and bread, while sidestepping key issues in the nation's transition to democratic rule. But the speech in many ways was also as much about style as it was about substance, and the 61-year-old Morsi, the first freely elected president in Egypt's history, used his address to project the image of an energetic leader in touch with the needs of the people. That appeared aimed at drawing a sharp contrast with his 83-year-old predecessor, Hosni Mubarak, who was widely perceived in the waning years of his long rule as out of touch with reality.

#### Anti-austerity protests grip 56 Spanish cities

**MADRID** (AP)—Tens of thousands of people marched in 56 Spanish cities Sunday to protest punishing austerity cuts they say will only increase unemployment and job insecurity in a country experiencing its second recession in three years and record high unemployment. Around 20,000 people marched in Madrid behind a banner that said, "They want to ruin the country. We have to stop them." The rally in Spain's capital was supported by 150 organizations. Protesters chanted slogans against cuts and waved placards reading "youth without jobs, society with no future." That is a reference to the youth unemployment rate, which surpasses 50 percent. Spain's overall jobless rate is nearly 25 percent and social unrest is on the rise.

## †Jose San Nicolas Lizama "Josen Pinalek"

Born to life on February 13, 1940 and was called to his eternal rest on October 01, 2012 at the age of 72

### In His New Life; He Now Joins His:

**Father:** †Juan Naputi Lizama  
**Mother:** †Francisca San Nicolas Lizama

**Father In-Law:** †Vicente Delos Reyes Ada  
**Mother In-Law:** †Remedio Terlaje Ada

**Children:** †Miguel Ada, †Ana Ada, †Martin Ada & †Priscilla A. Lizama-Leon Guerrero  
**Grand Daughter:** †Nadine Janelle T. Lizama  
**Great Grand Daughter:** †Devine Lorraine C. Castro

**Brothers & Brother In-Law:** †Jose Sn. Lizama, †Luis Sn. Lizama, †Pedro Sn. Lizama, †Antonio Sn. Lizama, †David Jesus, †Sanderson B. Santos, †Francisco T. Ada, †Juan T. Ada, & †Isidro Pangelinan

**Sister & Sister In-Law:** †Lydia L. Pangelinan, †Ana T. Ada, †Rosa T. Ada, †Merced A. Aguon, †Teresita A. Pangelinan, †Soledad S. Ada & †Theodora C. Ada

### His Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of His:

**Wife:** Maria Terlaje Ada-Lizama better known as "Marian Aguas"  
**Children & Spouses:** Pedro T./Ruth M. Ada (Children), Jose A. Jr./Rosa T. Lizama (Children), Lucia L./Leandro S. Montealegre (Children), Asunta L. Palacios (Children), Luis A./Admanita P. Lizama (Children), Dionicio A./Virginia M. Lizama (Children), Joaquin A./Edilyn D. Lizama (Children), Benjamin A./Nilda M. Lizama (Children), Barbara L./Franklin B. Mundo (Children), Rita L./Noel T. Chargualaf (Children), Leonina L./Eugenio V. Castro (Children) & †Priscilla A. Lizama-Leon Guerrero (Children)

**Rear Child:** Joshua L./Ashley J. Leon Guerrero (Joshua Justin)

**Brothers & Brother In-Law:** Manuel Sn./Dolores A. Lizama, Juan Sn./Florentina A. Lizama, Jesus Sn./Trinidad A. Lizama, Juan O./Aida B. Pangelinan, Jose T. Ada, Isidro T. Ada, Vicente T. Ada/Bernadita T. Mendiola, Ignacio T. Ada & Henry T. /Susan Ada, & Jose/Amy Aguon

**Sisters & Sister In-Law:** Maria L./Vicente C. Terlaje, Rosa L. Jesus, Magdalena L./Daniel Ubedei, Ana L./Joseph E. Santos, Remedio L./Joseph T. Babauta, Maria B. Lizama, Martha J. Lizama & Carol I. Ada

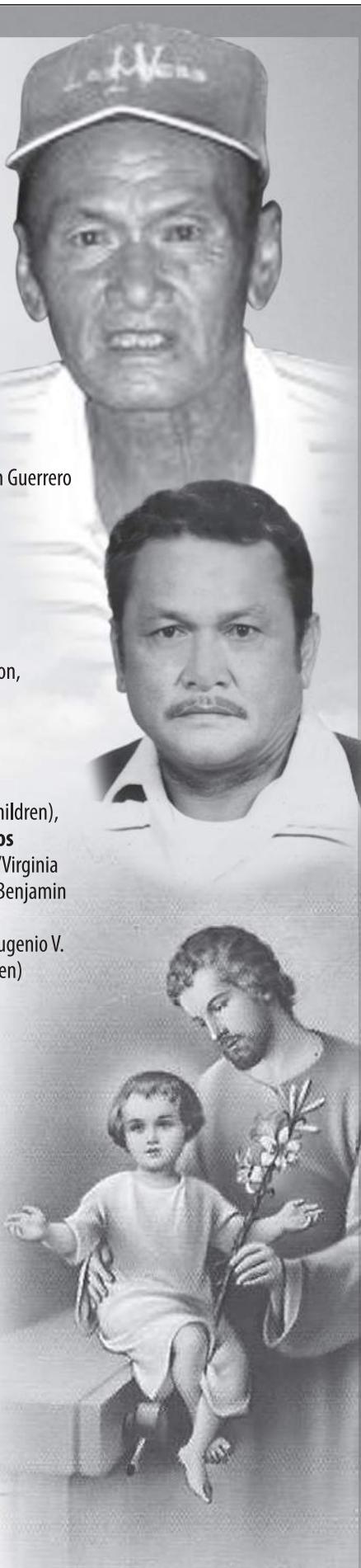
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Your thoughts, presence and prayers are greatly appreciated

Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Thank You

**Maria Terlaje Ada – Lizama, Children and Families**



# Overdrive

## Once-rugged pickups gain city-slicker luxury

By TERRY BOX  
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

**DALLAS**—Ten years ago, a big pickup sporting fancy red leather seats would have shocked the boys down at the feed store.

And they flatly would not have believed that any truck could “kneel” to allow its driver to enter more easily.

But both features can be found on new luxury pickups from Ford and Ram.

The growing niche of \$50,000 pickups—replete with polished wood trim, custom leather interiors and 20-inch wheels—is becoming increasingly important to automakers.

“We don’t know where the top in this segment is,” said Fred Diaz, chief executive of the Ram brand.

These high-end, city-slicker pickups—at least 14 models are now available—represent far more than just some glitzy industry anomaly. They can generate \$15,000 or more in profit, boosting revenue in a segment whose sales have dropped more than 25 percent since 2008, analysts say.

“This is a good example where it’s about the quality of the sale, not the quantity,” said Rebecca Lindland, director of strategic review at IHS Automotive.

Ford planted the seed for the niche more than a decade ago with its first four-door, crew-cab pickup, which then led to the specialty Harley-Davidson edition of the F-150 in 1999. Crew cabs provided room for a family or five adults, making pickups more practical as well as more carlike. They also opened the door for a vast array of comfort features.

The company’s latest bruiser in a tux, the Super Duty Platinum, can easily cost more than \$60,000—twice the price of a



DALLAS MORNING NEWS/MCT  
At one time a pickup decked out with leather seats and other luxury amenities was unheard of, but now \$50,000 trucks are common. Shown is a 2013 Ford Super Duty Platinum model.

base Super Duty, which includes the F-250 and F-350 models.

Luxury trucks get snapped up by successful contractors who use the plush haulers as offices and want to convey a well-heeled image to potential clients.

Affluent horse people buy them as flashy, comfortable tow-vehicles for \$100,000 trailers and \$20,000 horses.

And then there are the lawyers, doctors, executives and entrepreneurs who trade their BMWs and Mercedes-Benzes for luxury trucks on the weekend so they can tow big boats, classic cars and racing vehicles.

“All you have to do is go to a horse show and see how beautiful those trailers are,” said Mark Williams, editor of PickupTrucks.com. “You need the right truck to pull them, so a \$60,000 pickup towing a \$150,000 trailer doesn’t seem unreasonable at all.”

When Ford introduced the

Platinum model of its light-duty F-150 pickup in 2009, it expected the truck to account for about 3 percent of F-150 sales.

“It’s now running at 6 to 8 percent of our sales, and we’ve already got more orders for the (larger) Super Duty Platinum than we had anticipated,” said Doug Scott, Ford truck group marketing manager.

In fact, pickups that cost more than \$40,000 account for half of all Super Duty sales and 30 percent of F-150 transactions, Scott said.

“I don’t personally think there is a top end” to the niche, Scott said. “We saw the need. These were guys who didn’t want to compromise on refinement or capability.”

The sales indicate how diverse the pickup segment has become. The Ford F-series pickup remains the top-selling vehicle of any kind in the U.S., followed by the Chevrolet Silverado.

Once viewed solely as farm,

ranch and work vehicles, trucks became car alternatives in places like Texas in the 1990s.

After high gas prices and the recession forced most of the “concrete cowboys” out in 2008, total pickup sales dropped from about 2.4 million to roughly 1.7 million.

“At one point, the style-buyer of pickups appeared to be gone,” said analyst Lindland of IHS Automotive. “Now we’re thinking maybe not.”

Luxury trucks continue to attract buyers who might otherwise be considering a high-end SUV, noted Jerry Reynolds, a former Ford dealer who now hosts the weekly Car Pro Show on 11 radio stations in Texas, Arizona and California.

“As pickups become more sophisticated—air-conditioned seats, Bluetooth, nicer interiors, better sound systems—I don’t know where the ceiling is on their sales,” Reynolds said.

nizing many of the advantages of a gas turbine engine, but these engines are most efficient in continuous load operation—not starting, stopping or changing speed to recharge batteries, run a generator or electric motor on a part-time or variable load basis.

Turbine engines in automobiles have been done before. Chrysler had prototypes on the road back in the early ’60s and, of course, the STP turbine car came within a few miles of winning the Indy 500 in 1967 with Parnelli Jones driving.

As confusing as the different coolants can be, remember three important things: You own and are responsible for the vehicle; if the cooling system contains any conventional antifreeze, change it every three years; and, finally, no coolant is permanent, or capable of lasting for the life of the vehicle.

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**Q:** Would it work to use a small turbine engine to run the generator in a hybrid? Are they not more efficient than internal combustion with many fewer moving parts and longer life?

**A:** You are correct in recog-

## When it's time for a coolant change, does the type matter?

By PAUL BRAND  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**QUESTION:**  
You have recommended changing coolant every 30,000 miles or three years. How does universal coolant compare to green, orange, etc., types of coolant?

**ANSWER:** As coolants and engine technology continue to improve, I’ve softened my position on coolant changes. Assuming a long-life coolant and 15,000-25,000 annual mileage, I’m willing to go five years now—a huge step for me.

There are basically two

technologies for corrosion protection in engine coolants—inorganic and organic. The conventional antifreeze used for decades, which is usually green in color, utilizes silicates and/or phosphates to protect the various metals used in engines and radiators.

The so-called long-life coolants—often orange in color—introduced in the mid-1990s utilize organic compounds to provide anti-corrosion protection. The benefit is these compounds last longer, thus the extended-life concept. There are also several hybrid coolants used by several carmakers that combine both organic and inorganic compounds.

Universal coolants typically

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### NOW SHOWING



#### Frankenweenie 3D

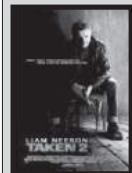
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Saturday & Sunday	1:05	7:05 9:35
Monday	1:05	7:05
Tuesday thru Thursday	7:05	

Cast: Charlie Tahan, Winona Ryder, Martin Landau

Genre: Fantasy • Rated PG

#### Synopsis

Tim Burton's 1984 short film *Frankenweenie* is resurrected for the big screen with this stop-motion 3-D remake, which will once again center on a boy (Charlie Tahan) who reanimates his dead terrier and the suburban fallout that occurs because of it. Big Fish screenwriter John August provides the script for the Walt Disney production.



#### Taken 2

Friday	4:10	7:10	9:40
Saturday & Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10 9:40
Monday	1:10	4:10	7:10
Tuesday thru Thursday	4:10	7:10	

Cast: Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen

Genre: Thriller • Rated PG13



#### Pitch Perfect

Friday	4:20	7:20	9:55
Saturday & Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20 9:55
Monday	1:20	4:20	7:20
Tuesday thru Thursday	4:20	7:20	

Cast: Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin, Ben Platt

Genre: Comedy • Rated PG13



#### Frankenweenie 2D

Friday	4:05
Saturday & Sunday	4:05
Monday	4:05
Tuesday thru Thursday	4:05

Cast: Charlie Tahan, Winona Ryder, Martin Landau

Genre: Fantasy • Rated PG



#### Hotel Transylvania 3D

Friday	7:25	9:50
Saturday & Sunday	1:25	7:25 9:50
Monday	1:25	7:25
Tuesday thru Thursday	7:25	

Cast: Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez, Kevin James

Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG



#### Hotel Transylvania 2D

Friday	4:25
Saturday & Sunday	4:25
Monday	4:25
Tuesday thru Thursday	4:25

Cast: Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez, Kevin James

Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG

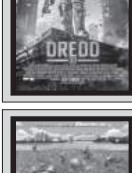


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Saturday & Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15 9:45
Monday	1:15	4:15	7:15
Tuesday thru Thursday	4:15	7:15	

Cast: Karl Urban, Olivia Thirlby, Lena Headey

Genre: Science fiction, Action • Rated R



# Life&Style

## Wife's surprise travel plans throw husband for a loop

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** Many women like surprises. Most men don't. My wife can't understand that. She recently "surprised" me by informing me she had made non-refundable arrangements for us to visit a foreign country. She said I had once mentioned that I'd like to see it. I have no recollection of saying so, but I suppose it's possible.

Abby, I am physically barely able to endure such travel. My balance is bad and walking is extremely painful for my legs and hips. I wish she would have discussed her plan with me in advance. It's possible she wanted very much to go and suspected I'd tell her it would be unwise for me to do it.

Now that we're locked in, I'll go. But if it becomes too arduous, I'll tell her that we're going to have to leave the group and return home immediately. Perhaps that would help her understand that she should talk to me about a plan that includes me before implementing it. Abby, can you comment?

GOT AN UNWELCOME SURPRISE

**DEAR SURPRISE:** What your wife did was wrong; she's well aware of your physical limitations. Foreign travel isn't cheap. Before laying out sizable chunks of money, most couples discuss the expense. I think your method of handling the situation is a good one, particularly if no accommodations can be made for your disability by the company arranging the trip.

P.S. I'm advising you to get travel insurance well in advance.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I'm in love with a beautiful woman. She's divorced with two kids, 15 and 17. I believe the 15-year-old boy is feeling threatened by my presence. He has become very "clingy" to his mother and tries to get between us.

I love both of her kids and treat them like my own. I know it's a delicate situation and I want to do the right thing. The disrespect he shows me is becoming an issue, and I know his mother won't do anything about it. I have mentioned it a few times and nothing has changed.

I know she would be crushed if I ended this relationship, because recently she asked me to move in by Christmas. Marriage has been discussed prior to or shortly thereafter. Please help.

DISRESPECTED IN OHIO

**DEAR DISRESPECTED:** Do not move in with this woman unless she first agrees to premarital counseling with you to ensure that you're both on the same page regarding parenting, and then family counseling with her children. As much as you care about them, you are not their parent. Because your ladyfriend appears to ignore problems when they arise, without counseling nothing will change. Be warned.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Our son and daughter-in-law have invited us for Thanksgiving in another state. We'll fly there with my husband's mother.

Recently my daughter-in-law mentioned that we may all (11 of us) be going to some sort of buffet instead of making the dinner at their home. We would also end up paying for the meal.

I would much rather cook for them than eat and pay for a Thanksgiving meal at a buffet or restaurant. How can we get this across to our son and daughter-in-law without hurting their feelings?

NO BUFFET FOR US IN LEAVENWORTH, KAN.

**DEAR NO BUFFET:** How about saying it in plain English? Tell them you would be glad to prepare the dinner, and if your daughter-in-law would help you, the task wouldn't be onerous for either of you.

P.S. Unless the men are "all thumbs" in the kitchen, they could pitch in, too. Multigenerational rituals are the glue that keep a family together.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



Dear Abby

LONDON (AP)—Leona Lewis understands that One Direction fans are protective of their lads.

Since being linked with Liam Payne from the boy band, the British singer has seen endless discussions about her dating status on social networks. Lewis won't talk about who she is or isn't seeing at the moment, but knows that One Direction fans are watching her every move.

"They've got some amazing and crazy fans. They're like ride or die (all or nothing)," she said in an interview with The Associated Press.

As a result, the 27-year-old pop star says she rarely keeps up with the stories about herself.

"I've learned, like over the past few years, not to read stuff because most of it's untrue or like blown completely out of proportion. So I don't really play attention to it," she said.

After seven years in the spotlight, the former "X Factor" winner is back with a third stu-



dio album, "Glassheart." The first release from that is the new single "Trouble," which has her powering out a warning about being a "whole lot of trouble."

Lewis—who has a full-blown nice-girl reputation—laughs when asked if she's ever caused trouble in her own relationships.

## Meryl Streep donates \$1M to The Public Theatre

NEW YORK (AP)—Meryl Streep has donated \$1 million to The Public Theater in honor of both its late founder, Joseph Papp, and her friend, the author Nora Ephron.

The announcement was timed to Thursday's unveiling of the nonprofit's \$40 million renovation to its 158-year-old headquarters in New York.

Streep has performed for the Public for decades, starting in 1975 and including "Henry V"



Streep

in 1976 and "Mother Courage and Her Children" in 2006. This summer, she played Juliet opposite Kevin Kline as Romeo in a benefit reading of "Romeo and Juliet" in Central Park.

Ephron, who died in June, directed Streep in her portrayal of chef Julia Child in 2009's "Julie & Julia." Streep played a version

of Ephron herself in 1986's "Heartburn."

"Meryl is as great a citizen as she is an actor," said Oskar Eustis, artistic director of the theater. "Joe Papp founded The Public in the belief that great theater

belonged to all the people. It means an enormous amount to us that the greatest actor of our time supports that mission."

## Neeson doubles the take with \$50M 'Taken 2' debut

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Critics don't like "Taken 2," but Liam Neeson's action sequel has proved twice the hit among fans as the original movie was.

"Taken 2" led the box office with \$50 million domestically over opening weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. That's double the haul for Neeson's "Taken," which took in \$24.7 million in its U.S. debut in early 2009.

"Taken" went on to become a

\$145 million smash for Neeson, the Academy Award-nominated star of "Schindler's List" who has become an unlikely action hero in his 50s.

In "Taken 2," Neeson returns as a retired CIA agent using his expert espionage and killing skills to take on a gang of thugs out for revenge against him and his family.

"He gives hope to aging men," said Paul Dergarabedian, an analyst for box-office tracker Hol-

lywood.com. "He's done the reverse of most actors, where you do the action stuff when you're younger then do the more introspective work when you're older. He's sort of turned it around. When he's 80, he'll probably be kicking even more butt."

"Taken 2," which began rolling out overseas a weekend earlier, added \$55 million more in about 50 international markets to raise its worldwide total to \$117 million.

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Lady Gaga wins LennonOno Grant for Peace

LONDON (AP)—Music superstar Lady Gaga will share a peace prize in memory of John Lennon to honor her work campaigning for equality for gay, lesbian and transgender people. The American singer has been chosen along with four others—including Russian punk band Pussy Riot and the late writer Christopher Hitchens—to receive the biennial LennonOno Grant For Peace. Gaga is expected to accept the award and a donation from Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, in Reykjavik, Iceland, on Oct. 9—the birthday of John Lennon and his son, Sean. Ono said in a statement Friday that while Gaga is "one of the biggest living artists of our time" she is also an activist whose album "Born This Way" altered "the mental map of the world."

### Bond memorabilia goes under hammer in London

LONDON (AP)—James Bond lovers have spent thousands of pounds for pieces of memorabilia from the spy movies at a London auction. Christie's auction house is selling the items to coincide with the 50th birthday of the Bond movies. The first Bond film, "Dr. No," was released Oct. 5, 1962. Among the items under the hammer Friday in London was the complete works of Ian Fleming, Bond's creator. That fetched 91,250 pounds (\$147,197), handily beating estimates of between 10,000 and 15,000 pounds. A navy, wool Tom Ford suit worn by Daniel Craig in the new Skyfall film due out on Oct. 26 sold for 46,850 pounds. It was estimated to sell for between 2,000 and 3,000 pounds. Proceeds will go to several charities, including the U.N. children's fund, UNICEF.

trends on her fashion blog and regularly updates fans with a photo of what she's wearing.

Lewis said it was an adjustment learning how to sit in the front row at a fashion show watching the clothes while everyone else was watching her.

"The first time I went to a fashion show, it was like a zoo. You like literally sit there, and there are a bunch of photographers, and people are like right here—like chch chch chch (makes camera noise)—for like half an hour."

She said at first she just wanted to stare at the floor, but then she was sitting with others who were more famous and that helped her relax.

"The first experience, actually, I didn't really enjoy it, but when I went to Milan this time, I had so much fun!" she said. "I knew what to expect, and you just kind of, just go with it."

"Trouble" is being released in the U.K. on Sunday.

## Welcome to Wellington, NZ—make that Middle-earth

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Call it hobbit fever.

New Zealand's capital is preparing for the world premiere of the opening film in "The Hobbit" trilogy by showcasing an artisan festival selling all manner of small-folk paraphernalia, laying a red carpet that will extend 500 yards through central Wellington and even renaming the city itself after the trilogy's fictional setting of Middle-earth.

Wellington is planning to spend 1.1 million New Zealand dollars (\$900,000) to mark the Nov. 28 premiere of "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" at the Embassy Theatre. It's a fitting venue for the movie directed by Wellington resident Peter Jackson and filmed throughout New Zealand.

The Hobbit series chronologically precedes Jackson's acclaimed "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy in author J.R.R. Tolkien's imagined world.

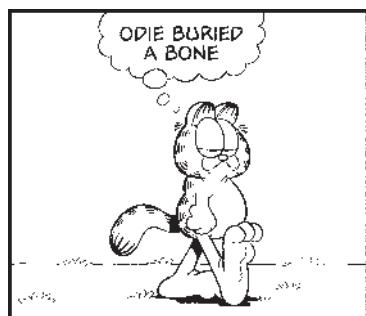
# Pastimes

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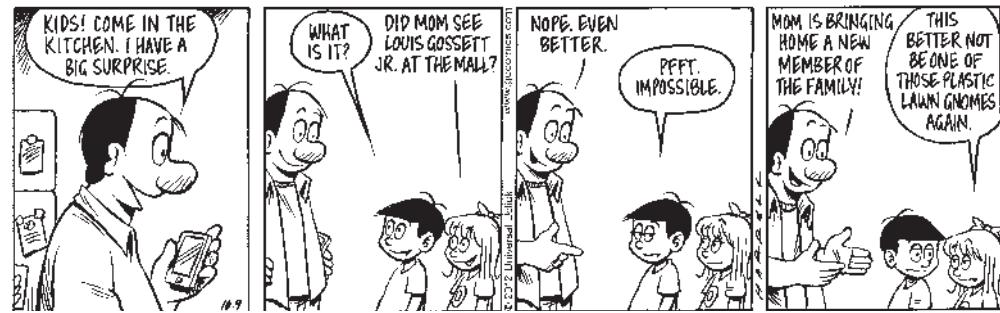
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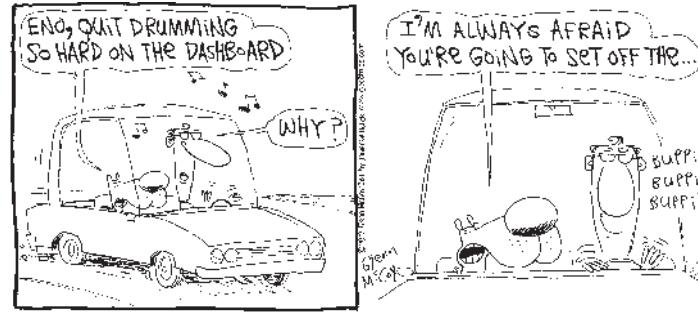
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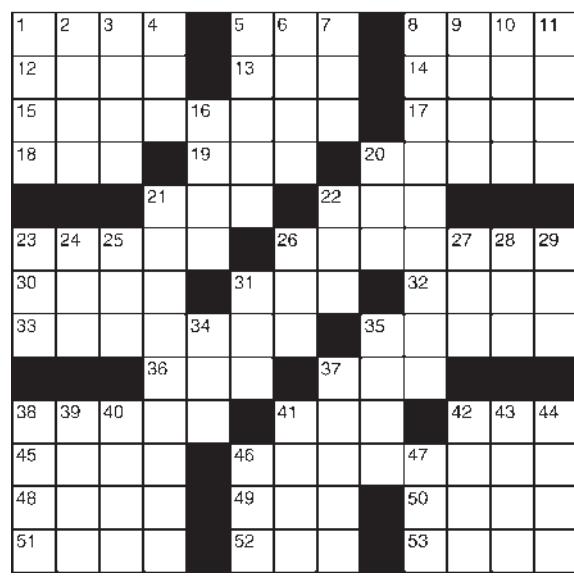
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## CROSSWORD

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Mingle, take part in functions and network. Indulge in projects geared toward using your creativity. Change is in the stars, but you have to take the first step. Make things happen and you will excel. A financial gain is apparent. ★★★★

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Personal problems will affect your work and productivity. Keep your personal and professional lives separate, and avoid making a rash decision that will alter the dynamics of your family and your household. Protect and nurture what you have. ★★

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Don't let disappointment slow you down. Use your ingenuity and adaptability to move forward with or without the people you thought you could count on for help. Get out, interact and make new friends. Surround yourself with people who share your goals. ★★★

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You can make a difference if you share your knowledge and experience with others. Friendship is on the rise, and the opportunity to

get involved personally or professionally with someone who shares your concerns will lead to a relationship. ★★★

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Size up your situation and prepare to take action or expect to be criticized for not doing your part. Emotions will be close to the surface, and problems with older individuals or those you live with will develop if you aren't patient. ★★★

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Interacting with others will lead to new endeavors and friendships. What you learn now will help you make wiser choices regarding the people you associate with and the types of indulgences that tempt you. Talks will lead to romance and opportunities. ★★★

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emotional decisions will end up being costly. Over-spending on something you don't really need must be avoided. Focus on what you can learn from people who come from different backgrounds and you will find a way to get what you want. ★★

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have to work diligently if you are going to maintain your position and be in the running to advance. Don't share your ideas or someone will surpass you and take credit for what you are trying to do. Make home improvements. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Home improvements, a move or investments will all turn out well for you. There is money to be made, but also to lose if you don't take what you receive and put it in a safe place. "Easy come, easy go" will lead nowhere. ★★★★

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't hesitate to answer questions. Keeping your thoughts out in the open will lead to better relationships with others and greater possibilities with regard to love, money and prospects for the future. Consistency will be required. ★★★

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be at a loss if you let someone take control. Be creative and find a way to call the shots when it comes to the way you want things done at home or with regard to finances. Speak your mind compassionately. ★★★

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Gains and losses are both prevalent. Think before you make a move that is costly. A love relationship may be exciting, but it mustn't be allowed to put you into the poorhouse. Make plans that don't break the bank. ★★★

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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JANET U. MARATITA, RAY ANTHONY N. YUMUL, for themselves and on behalf of the taxpayers of the CNMI and the ratepayers of CUC, and THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH SENATE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BENIGNO R. FITIAL, EDWARD T. BUCKINGHAM COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION, and SAIPAN DEVELOPMENT, LLC, Defendants.

TO: EDWARD T. BUCKINGHAM

YOU ARE HERBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the First Amended Complaint, which is served herewith, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Plaintiffs' attorney, Ramon K. Quichoco, Esq., whose address is:

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as soon as practicable after filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Superior Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of the Superior Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the First Amended Complaint.

By order of this Court, dated this 30th day of August, 2012.

BERNADITA A. SABLON

Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk



# Tigers score in 9th, beat A's for 2-0 lead



**DETROIT** (AP)—Al Alburquerque reached out and snagged a sharp grounder to the mound - then planted a little kiss on the ball before tossing it to first.

The relieved reliever gave his Detroit teammates a reason to laugh in ninth inning of a tight game. Moments later, the Tigers were celebrating.

Don Kelly scored the tying run on a wild pitch in the eighth, then hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth that lifted the Tigers over the Oakland Athletics 5-4 Sunday for a 2-0 lead in their AL playoff series.

Detroit overcame three A's leads and seesawed to victory. It was 1-all before a wild final three innings that included a key error by Oakland center fielder Coco Crisp, two game-tying wild pitches and several momentum changes.

Alburquerque kept it tied in the ninth when he got Yoenis Cespedes to hit a comebacker with men on first and third and two outs. He gave the ball a quick smooch before throwing underhand to first.

"I just did it," he said. "It was the emotion of the game. I wasn't trying to be a hot dog."

Oakland outfielder Josh Reddick wasn't thrilled.

"We didn't appreciate that. I thought it was immature and not very professional," Reddick said. "You don't do that on the field. Save it for the dugout. That's all I'm going to say."

Detroit will go for a sweep of the division series matchup in Game 3 on Tuesday at Oakland.

Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera doubled twice for the Tigers, hit a fly ball that Crisp dropped for two runs and later singled in the ninth.

It was the sixth straight postseason loss for the A's, all to Detroit. The Tigers swept Oakland in the 2006 AL championship series, winning the series on Magglio Ordonez's homer in Game 4 - which was Detroit's last sudden-death postseason win before Sunday.

Omar Infante and Cabrera hit back-to-back singles off Grant Balfour with one out in the ninth. With runners on first and third, Prince Fielder was intentionally walked, bringing up Kelly, who had stayed in the game as the designated hitter after pinch-running the previous inning.

"Was looking for a fastball and I got it," Kelly said. "It's a great feeling, to be able to go out there in that situation and do that."

Kelly's fly to right was plenty deep enough to score Infante without a play at the plate. It was another big playoff moment for Kelly, who hit a home run last year when the Tigers beat the New York Yankees in the decisive fifth game of the division series.

A favorite of manager Jim Leyland, Kelly hit .186 during the regular season but made the postseason roster as a pinch-running option who can also play any position in the field.

## Yankees 7, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, CC Sabathia, Russell Martin and the New York Yankees



Oakland Athletics' Coco Crisp is tagged out by Detroit Tigers catcher Gerald Laird (9) trying to score from second on teammate Brandon Moss' single to right during the third inning of Game 2 of the American League division baseball series, Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012, in Detroit.

AP

## Rockies manager Jim Tracy resigns after 98 losses

**DENVER** (AP)—Colorado Rockies manager Jim Tracy resigned Sunday, stepping down after the team set a franchise record for losses.

The Rockies said a search for Tracy's replacement would begin immediately but they have no time frame for making a hire. Colorado finished last in the NL West this year while going 64-98.

Tracy was promoted from bench coach to manager in May 2009. He was voted the NL Manager of the Year that season after guiding Colorado into the playoffs.

The Rockies went 294-308 under Tracy.

"I was surprised," Bill Geivett, the team's director of major league operations, told The Associated Press. "You know, Jim and I go back a long time. We worked together for three different clubs."

"Basically, Tracy called me and told me his intentions and we talked

crashed a party that was 15 years in the making.

Martin led off the ninth inning with a tiebreaking home run off Jim Johnson, Sabathia turned in a sparkling pitching performance and the Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles 7-2 Sunday night in the opener of their AL divisional series.

Sabathia allowed two runs and eight hits in 8 2-3 innings to help the Yankees take the edge off the Orioles' first home playoff game since 1997. The husky left-hander went 0-2 in three starts against Baltimore during the regular season, but in this one he returned to form and improved his lifetime record against the Orioles to 17-4.

"Fastball command was good, worked off that," Sabathia said.

about a lot of different things, but he had already made up his mind," said Geivett, who also worked with Tracy in Montreal and Los Angeles.

Energized by the young players and the challenge of fixing things, Tracy had said repeatedly the last several weeks that he wanted to fulfill the final year on his contract in 2013. But he changed his mind after meeting with Geivett for several hours on Friday and then mulling those discussions over the weekend.

Asked why Tracy resigned, Geivett said: "I don't think there was any one thing in particular that seemed to stand out, but you'd have to ask him that."

Tracy didn't return phone calls and texts from the AP.

Geivett said he wanted Tracy to return next season.

"I mean, that's how I started our meeting on Friday, that he was the manager of the club," Geivett said.

"Throwing the ball pretty good getting the corners. Tried to stay out there and make some pitches."

Sabathia is 6-1 with the Yankees in the postseason, 4-0 in the division series.

With the score 2-all, Martin drove a 2-0 pitch from Johnson into the left-field seats. It was the first of four straight hits off Johnson, who led the majors with 51 saves.

## Reds 9, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Bronson Arroyo pitched the Reds back to Ohio on quite a playoff roll.

Arroyo retired his first 14 batters and delivered a gem a day after 19-game winner Johnny Cueto went down with a

"Like I said, it was surprising."

Geivett, however, didn't try to change Tracy's mind.

"His decision was made when he called me and I respected that," Geivett said.

Geivett said he had no timetable for hiring a new manager: "All the focus has been on Jim Tracy the last few days here and I just got the call today, so we'll start to formulate a plan."

The Rockies will be the fourth team to change managers this year. Boston fired Bobby Valentine, Cleveland dismissed Manny Acta and Houston let go Brad Mills.

Things changed for Tracy on Aug. 1 when Geivett, the assistant general manager, was given an office in the clubhouse and began focusing on roster management, particularly as it related to the pitchers, and evaluating the coaching staff and the rest of the players.

back injury, and Cincinnati beat the San Francisco Giants, 9-0, to head home with a 2-0 NL division series lead.

A pair of Ryans provided the big hits. Ryan Ludwick homered leading off the second inning for his first career playoff clout and Ryan Hanigan hit a two-run single in the fourth and a later RBI single. Jay Bruce added a two-run double and Joey Votto had three hits.

Former San Francisco skipper Dusty Baker came into his old stomping grounds by the bay and left with two commanding victories 10 years after managing the Giants within six outs of a World Series title before falling short.

The Giants were handed their hand-ed their worst playoff shutout in franchise history.

Game 3 in the best-of-five series is Tuesday at Great American Ball Park. Homer Bailey (13-10), who pitched a no-hitter Sept. 28 at Pittsburgh, takes the mound as the Reds try to close out the series against Giants right-hander Ryan Vogelsong (14-9).

## Nationals 3, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, rookies in the postseason, the Washington Nationals played like poised veterans.

The Nationals escaped a bases-loaded jam in the seventh inning, Tyler Moore blooped a two-out, two-run single in the eighth and Washington beat the defending World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals, 3-2, in an NL playoff opener.

They have just four players with postseason experience on the roster. But they have the lead.

"Not many people have probably watched too many Nationals games, but we have a great starting rotation and a great bullpen," said Ian Desmond, who singled for his third hit in the go-ahead rally. "They keep us in the ballgame and some timely hits from this kid, and the rest of the guys coming off the bench, that's really been the formula."

The Nationals, who had never come close to making the playoffs since moving from Montreal for the 2005 season, overcame a wild start by 21-game winner Gio Gonzalez. They limited the Cardinals to just three hits.

"All the credit in the world goes to the bullpen," Gonzalez said. "I've been saying it all year. The reason why we've been so successful is these guys come in and shut it down."

Rookie reliever Ryan Mattheus needed just two pitches to bail out the Nationals in the seventh with St. Louis ahead 2-1.



**TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES****NFL STANDINGS****AMERICAN CONFERENCE****East**

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	3	2	0	.600	165	113
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	81	109
Miami	2	3	0	.400	103	103
Buffalo	2	3	0	.400	118	176

**South**

Houston	4	0	0	1.000	126	56
Indianapolis	2	2	0	.500	91	110
Jacksonville	1	4	0	.200	65	138
Tennessee	1	4	0	.200	88	181

**North**

Baltimore	4	1	0	.800	130	89
Cincinnati	3	2	0	.600	125	129
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	93	89
Cleveland	0	5	0	.000	100	139

**West**

San Diego	3	2	0	.600	124	102
Denver	2	3	0	.400	135	114
Oakland	1	3	0	.250	67	125
Kansas City	1	4	0	.200	94	145

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE****East**

Philadelphia	3	2	0	.600	80	99
N.Y. Giants	3	2	0	.600	152	111
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	65	88
Washington	2	3	0	.400	140	147

**South**

Atlanta	5	0	0	1.000	148	93
Tampa Bay	1	3	0	.250	82	91
Carolina	1	4	0	.200	92	125
New Orleans	1	4	0	.200	141	154

**North**

Minnesota	4	1	0	.800	120	79
Chicago	4	1	0	.800	149	71
Green Bay	2	3	0	.400	112	111
Detroit	1	3	0	.250	100	114

**West**

Arizona	4	1	0	.800	94	78
San Francisco	4	1	0	.800	149	68
St. Louis	3	2	0	.600	96	94
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	86	70

**LAS VEGAS SCORES****FINAL ROUND**

Ryan Moore, \$810,000	61-68-65-66-260
Brendon de Jonge, \$486,000	62-66-66-67-261
Jonas Blixt, \$306,000	64-64-66-70-264
Jason Day, \$216,000	69-68-64-65-266
Bill Lunde, \$180,000	67-69-67-66-269
Richard H. Lee, \$156,375	66-68-71-65-270
Scott Piercy, \$156,375	67-66-73-64-270
Blakes Adams, \$135,000	65-70-68-68-271
Jason Bohn, \$135,000	71-66-64-70-271
Tim Herron, \$112,500	63-68-68-73-272
Jimmy Walker, \$112,500	67-66-66-73-272
Nick Watney, \$112,500	66-66-71-69-272
Bobby Gates, \$72,500	70-67-66-70-273
Mathew Goggin, \$72,500	68-69-70-66-273
John Huh, \$72,500	63-69-72-69-273
Colt Knost, \$72,500	68-67-66-72-273
Russell Knox, \$72,500	66-67-68-72-273
Jeff Overton, \$72,500	70-66-68-69-273
Heath Slocum, \$72,500	67-67-74-65-273
Brendan Steele, \$72,500	69-67-70-67-273
Michael Thompson, \$72,500	70-66-68-69-273
Angel Cabrera, \$39,488	68-70-67-69-274
Bob Estes, \$39,488	69-68-68-69-274
Robert Garrigus, \$39,488	66-68-73-67-274
John Mallinger, \$39,488	70-65-72-67-274
Kevin Na, \$39,488	68-66-70-70-274
Patrick Reed, \$39,488	65-69-70-70-274
Kevin Streelman, \$39,488	68-67-68-71-274
Josh Teater, \$39,488	70-65-67-72-274
David Hearn, \$29,250	68-70-69-68-275
Kevin Stadler, \$29,250	66-68-72-69-275
Camilo Villegas, \$29,250	70-66-68-71-275
Ricky Barnes, \$25,425	68-69-70-69-276
Justin Leonard, \$25,425	64-69-71-72-276
Chris Riley, \$25,425	68-70-69-69-276
Stewart Cink, \$18,923	68-69-68-72-277
Ken Duke, \$18,923	66-68-68-75-277
Chris Kirk, \$18,923	64-68-71-74-277
Edward Loar, \$18,923	67-68-70-72-277
George McNeill, \$18,923	70-68-72-67-277
John Merrick, \$18,923	69-67-69-69-277
Andres Romero, \$18,923	68-66-72-71-277
Vijay Singh, \$18,923	66-66-71-74-277
Daniel Summerhays, \$18,923	68-63-72-74-277
Steve Wheatcroft, \$18,923	69-69-71-68-277
Tommy Biershenk, \$11,858	68-70-70-70-278
Scott Brown, \$11,858	69-67-72-70-278
Daniel Chopra, \$11,858	68-67-73-70-278
Nathan Green, \$11,858	68-68-74-68-278
David Mathis, \$11,858	68-68-72-70-278
Ryan Palmer, \$11,858	67-70-66-75-278
Marc Turnesa, \$11,858	70-68-70-70-278
Jhonattan Vegas, \$11,858	68-68-69-73-278
Chad Campbell, \$10,305	73-65-74-67-279
Robert Karlsson, \$10,305	69-68-70-72-279
Billy Mayfair, \$10,305	70-66-72-71-279
Vaughn Taylor, \$10,305	65-72-70-72-279
J.J. Killeen, \$10,305	66-68-75-71-280
Sean O'Hair, \$10,035	67-70-71-72-280
Harris English, \$9,900	71-66-73-71-281
Will Claxton, \$9,720	70-68-71-73-282
Erik Compton, \$9,720	66-71-75-70-282
Troy Kelly, \$9,720	68-70-70-74-282
Matt Bettencourt, \$9,495	68-70-73-73-283
J.B. Holmes, \$9,495	70-67-73-73-283
Roberto Castro, \$9,315	69-66-71-78-284
Davis Love III, \$9,315	68-67-73-76-284
Gary Christian, \$9,193	68-68-76-73-285
Rod Pampling, \$9,193	70-68-72-75-285
Hunter Hamrick, \$9,000	69-69-77-71-286
John Daly, \$8,910	69-63-86-77-295

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Ashley's (6-2) ended the round-robin regular season on a five-game winning streak and is currently ranked third behind Pacific Islands Club (6-0) and Mobil (5-1), while Hi-Five's four-game run was snapped and it dropped to a 4-2 slate.

Ashley's played better in the second half after falling behind at the break, 34-42.

A 28-15 scoring in the third quarter

put Ashley's in the driver's seat and it hung on to the lead, as it continued to have a balance scoring



**Brees sets record,  
hands Saints  
first win**

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SAIPAN TRIBUNE

## Archers snap skid; Ashley's extends streak

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The Archers finally hit their target, while Ashley's/ Brabu Pharmacy kept its winning run after downing separate foes in the 2012 Emon Lodge 179 Basketball League-Docomo Brotherhood Cup last Saturday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

 Misfiring in their first four games, the Archers notched their first win after beating Fong's Bakery in the second game, 89-82, while Ashley's/Brabu defeated Hi-Five in the curtain-raiser, 88-80.

The Archers played without Jack Lizama, who was suspended for the rest of the season after the headbutt incident against Hi-Five's James Lee last week. However, the Archers hardly missed Lizama's presence, as Ivan Devero suited up for the team after missing two games and sizzled for a game-high 26 points.

Devero's 14-point explosion in the first quarter allowed the Archers to gain momentum of the match, as they led by double digits early in the game, 27-13.



Kae Bernardo, Edmark Mendoza, Rommel Usi, and JR Barrios then provided the needed support in the last three quarters to fend off Fong's Bakery's comeback bids.

Fong's connected on seven triples, five of them came from Sonny Lerio, in the last three periods to keep the Archers within striking distance. However, Barrios answered with two treys in the fourth, while Usi made one and Bernardo and Mendoza took care of business in the paint to save the Archers.

Bernardo finished with 18 points, including 4 of the Archers' last 6 points, Mendoza added 16, and Usi and Barrios chipped in 15 and 10, respectively. Lerio fired 28 points to lead Fong's Bakery, which fell to a 1-5 slate, tying Armatech in the second to the last place in the team standings.

With the Archers breaking into the win column, only Servitek remains the winless squad in the nine-team field and the latter is likely to be eliminated with its 0-6 card. Only the Top 8 teams will advance to the playoffs.

Meanwhile, in the first game,

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Elgene Mangali, seen here going for a layup against Armatech's Bernard Montano, scored 14 points in Ashley's/Brabu's 88-80 win over Hi-Five in the Emon Lodge caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND  
Hi-5's Wilfredo Francisco, left, collides with Rollers 1 defender Braylan Floresca during a fastbreak play in their U16 game in the Rotary caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## Rollers 1 on a roll in Rotary U16 caging

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Saturday at the  
Gilbert C. Ada  
Gymnasium.

The victory was third in a row for the Rollers 1, while unfortunately for Hi-5 the

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## Jericho shares skills to youth cagers

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 Former CNMI National Team member and now collegiate league standout Jericho Cruz spent his short vacation here teaching youth players basketball skills.

Cruz, who plays for the Adamson University in the prestigious University Athletic Association of the Philippines, had his last workout with a pool of U19 players yesterday at the NMC Gymnasium. He started joining the practice sessions coaches Edsel Mendoza and Ed Manalili. See JERICHO on Page 23



Jericho Cruz, standing second from left, poses with a group of youth players and their coaches during a break in a practice session at the NMC Gymnasium yesterday.

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A Tsunami Saipan swimmer competes in the 50m freestyle race during the first local meet of the season late last month at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

## Tsunami Saipan swimmers update PBTs

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan's developmental pool had a fruitful campaign at the start of the 2012-2013 season. Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro See TSUNAMI on Page 23

